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A HAIR RAISING EXPERIENCE



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Keith McCash, 11, from Webb City Elementary School, experiments with the Van de Graaf, a device which creates static electricity, during a science workshop on Tuesday at Missouri Southern.

Leon honors Messick with Governor's Award

By KELLY DENGEL
Managing Editor

Putting in those extra hours late in the day, early in the morning, and sometimes on weekends has paid off in a reward other than a job well done.

Dr. John Messick, biology department head, has been awarded the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching by Dr. Julio Leon, College President. Each year, the president nominates an outstanding Missouri Southern faculty member who exemplifies quality teaching in higher education.

This year, Messick was chosen. "He is a very dedicated individual," Leon said. "You can find him in the office long before any faculty member arrives and then he stays longer [at the end of the day]."

A native of the Midwest, Messick said he has always been fascinated by the natural world. He graduated from Southwest Missouri State University with a bachelor of arts degree in biology and chemistry, and received his master's degree and doctoral degree at the University of Idaho in 1981.

As a self-described "ecologist," Messick said he enjoys studying how people work together and being at teacher at Southern has given him a great opportunity to study students.

"I enjoy what I do; I can't imagine having another job," Messick said. "I always enjoy coming to work."

Winners of the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

- 1993-Dr. Judith Conboy
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- 1994-Dr. Jim Jackson
Biology
- 1995-Mr. Warren Turner
Kinesiology
- 1996-Mr. Richard Massa
Communications
- 1997-Dr. Betsy Griffin
Psychology
- 1998-Mr. Larry Goode
Business
- 1999-Dr. John Messick
Biology

He also stressed the fact that the students and faculty he works with make his job as department head look easy.

"They make me look good," Messick said.

Messick said he enjoys the hands-on approach to teaching and he feels he's naturally enthusiastic about science.

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Where your money goes

College distributes fees into four areas

By KELLY DENGEL
Managing Editor

For students who have wondered where student fees are distributed, they could read *Crossroads: The Magazine*, they

could belong to a club that has received monies from the Student Senate, or they could have eaten free food at the picnics on campus.

Each semester, students pay a fee along with tuition — full-time students pay \$25 and part-time students pay \$15.

Crossroads: The Magazine, the Senate, and the Campus Activities Board (CAB) are the three main bodies that receive money from the student

activity fee. A small portion is also given for campus picnics and homecoming events. The total budget is

approximately \$104,000 for each semester.

The U.S. Supreme Court is currently addressing the question of whether students should contribute to the general fund, although they aren't in support of

the various entities the school funds. In *The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin v. Southworth*, the Court must decide if public university fees violate the free speech of students who do not want to fund the political or ideological speech of objectionable student organizations.

Jamie Graham, 20-year old psychology major, can see both sides of the issue.

Graham said student fees should go toward CAB and Senate because those entities involve people on campus, like

the campus picnics, for example. Geena McDonald, 18-year-old mass communications major, agreed.

"I want my money to go to all organizations because even though I may not agree with their views, I think every student has the right to be represented in getting funds."

GEENA McDONALD
Mass Communications



Campus Activities Board

Student Senate

Campus Picnics

Of every \$25 student activity fee, \$5 goes to *Crossroads: The Magazine*

"I want my money to go to all organizations because even though I may not agree with their views, I think every student has the right to be represented in getting funds [from those organizations on campus]," McDonald said.

On the other hand, she said other students may believe their money is being thrown away because certain issues aren't important to them.

Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, supports the distribution of student fees to organizations on campus.

Carlisle said the budget allocates 70 percent to CAB, 17 percent to the Senate, and 13 percent for campus picnics and events like homecoming. Carlisle said *Crossroads: The Magazine* is a little different, with \$5 from every student going toward its budget, totaling approximately \$18,900 per semester.

Carlisle stressed that approximately 10 percent is taken from the total budget to compensate for students who drop

out or never pay their bills. She said the organizations operate on an estimated amount of money during the first part of the semester until payments are received. After students pay, the actual amount of the budget is totaled, and Carlisle said funds that were previously there are sometimes taken from the budget.

Carlisle said CAB organizes student activities with reduced cost to students. During the first week of school, CAB spent more than \$1,000 giving ice cream away. Many of CAB's expenditures are food-related with picnics, meetings, events, and dances. CAB also buys movie tickets from Wallace Theater, owners of Hollywood Theaters, and sells them to students at the reduced price of \$4.50.

Inviting interesting acts to play at Southern is also important to CAB. The organization has had to save money from previous semesters to bring in top

TURN TO FEES, PAGE 8A

Regents name Strait as new assistant dean

By JEFF BILLINGTON
Editor-in-Chief

Less than 24 hours before actually receiving her promotion, Tia Strait was informed of being considered for the promotion.

At last Friday's Board of Regents meeting, Strait's title was changed from assistant to the dean of technology to assistant dean of technology.

Thursday afternoon, November the 11th at about 3:30 in the afternoon Dr. [Erik] Bitterbaum [vice president for academic affairs] called me and told me the president wanted me to call," she said. "I had not a clue."

Strait has been assistant to the dean for the last year and said she was also surprised when she got that position.

"When I got the position of assistant to the dean, I had not a clue about that either," she said. "It was a very humbling experience because I never dreamed I'd have the opportunity to serve the school of technology, as well as the College, in this capacity."

Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology, said this promotion was to be expected.

"I think it was kind of a natural transition," he said. "If you look at promotions you start at here and move up, and up, and up."

Spurlin said even though she has progressed as far as standing, her work load probably will not change much.

"If you're looking at rank it's a higher rank or a



TIA STRAIT

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THIS WEEK

THE RAINMAKER' Former Southern students star in Joplin Little Theatre play until Dec. 5. Play's leading couple share romance on and off stage... Page 7A



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By ERIC GRUBER
Associate Editor

Who says hard work doesn't get you anywhere?

Whoever it was obviously never met some of Missouri Southern's employees.

Dr. Delores Honey was recently given a new title of assistant vice-president for assessment and institutional research. Previously, her title was director of assess-

ment and institutional research.

Either one is a tight fit on a business card. "You got me," Honey said. "I was just told by Dr. [Erik] Bitterbaum [vice president for academic affairs] that this was going to happen on Friday. I was pleasantly surprised."

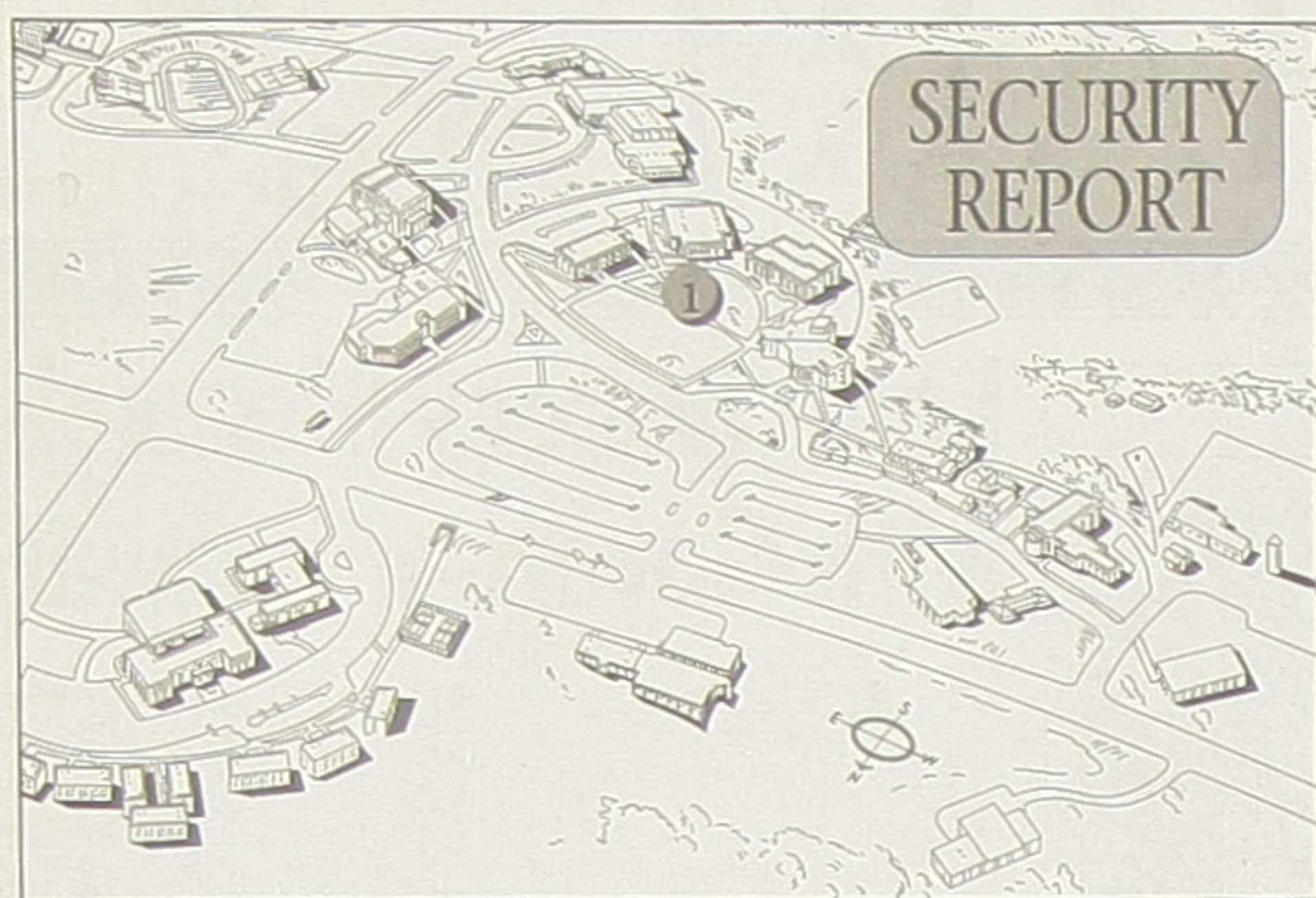
And while her title may have changed, Honey said the work will essentially consist of the same duties she has had as the director of assessment and institutional research. Those responsibilities include freshman and

senior assessment, working with departments in coordinating general education assessments, and doing program reviews for academic affairs.

Another similarity is that she will be reporting to the same boss, Bitterbaum. Both Honey and Tia Strait, assistant to the dean of technology, have had recent changes in their job titles.

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SECURITY REPORT



1 11/16/99 Spiva Library 11:35p.m. April Stanley, freshman psychology major, reported the theft of a mustard yellow three-speed bicycle from the Spiva Library. The bike was found in F-Hall and was returned to Stanley.

All proceeds of all advertising go to The Chart, the student newspaper of Missouri Southern State College.

EMS prints monthly newsletter

BY ERIN SELLERS
Associate Editor

Students in the honors program are doing more than just studying these days. Epsilon Mu Sigma, the honors organization, has recently started publishing a club newsletter. The newsletter is completely student organized and produced.

LaShall Crane, senior computer information science major, is the primary founder of the newsletter.

"She wanted something that could keep the current students informed on what is going on around campus," said Larry Bates, Epsilon Mu Sigma (EMS) president.

The staff is composed mainly of EMS officers, but any interested members are encouraged to help out.

"All they have to do is come by the office and tell us what they're interested in doing or e-mail Epsilon Mu Sigma," said Larry Nichols, senior history major and one of the newsletter's editors.

EMS intends for the newsletter to

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LARRY BATES
President, Epsilon Mu Sigma

help honors students become more active on campus and keep them informed.

"We wanted to get the honors students involved and sort of let everyone know what Epsilon Mu Sigma is about," Nichols said. "We try to have a sprinkling of articles by faculty on whatever topics interest them as well as articles by students on various subjects and upcoming club events."

Bates helps get faculty members to write for the newsletter.

"It is always good for honors students to know what their professors expect from them," he said.

Among the professors who contributed to the newsletter are Dr. Jim Jackson, professor of psychology, and Dr. Larry Martin, professor of arts and sciences. Bates has three professors who are considering writing for the newsletter.

Alumni, EMS members select faculty are among the contributors of the newsletter.

"Due to the cost of the newsletter, we've limited it mainly to professors and to those who expressed interest," Bates said. "We'll be more than glad to let anyone if they get hold of it. The newsletter is also used as a recruitment tool for upper freshmen."

The officers handed out the issue to them earlier this year, which comes out once a month.

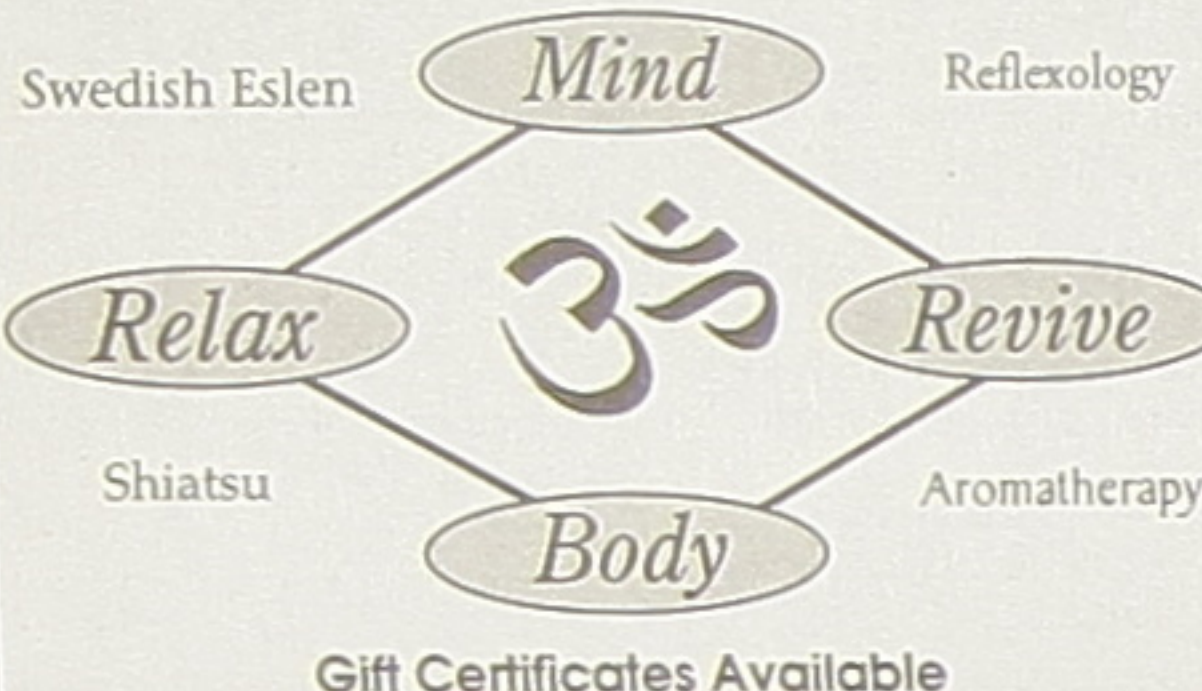
"I hope that it will continue to grow," Bates said. "It will just take time."

Copies of the forth issue of Epsilon Mu Sigma are available in the honors office on the first floor of Webster Hall. □

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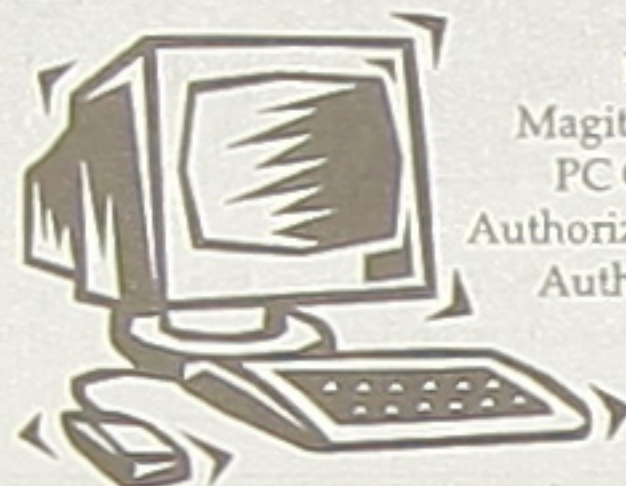
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Students help to tag wildlife

Department offers jobs keeping track of deer

By Cassie Hombs
Staff Writer

For many Missouri Southern students, "real world" experience starts the day after graduation.

But thanks to the Missouri Department of Conservation, students in the biology department are being pushed out of their professors' nests a little earlier.

Among the many duties of the state wildlife organization, the Missouri Department of Conservation is responsible for keeping track of wildlife numbers in the state. And with the deer population growing tremendously every year, they have employed students who foresee a future in the science field to help.

Dr. Scott Wells, associate professor of biology, said it was quite an honor to be taught out by the department.

"They contact us every year to do this," he said. "It's just a learning experience. It gives them training in the field."

Students work on a volunteer basis and work on two different Saturdays examining deer at the check-in station in Joplin, located at the fire station on Maiden Lane. Hunters bring in the deer, and the students set to work, examining the deer to find out information about age, gender, and what diseases they may be carrying, while recording the numbers.

Through different methods such as examining teeth to tell age and taking blood samples to check for disease, students are gaining first-hand experience in the lab outside of Reynolds Hall.

"It really is a fun experience," Wells said. "It's not just a lab exercise where they come up with artificial information. It's an opportunity for them to get exposure in the field, and the students appreciate that."

Casey Zahner, senior biology major, is one of 15 students who has volunteered this year. After being selected as a student with possible interest, she's glad she got involved, even if the work is a little tedious.

"It's really not too bad," Zahner said. "Once you dissect things in this department, not much else bothers you."

She said it's the involvement with the department that gives the project its appeal.

"People are always interested to learn about their deer," she said. "Hunters are very curious to see how old the deer is. It's the interaction with the public that makes this job worth it."

According to Wells, the biology students have helped the Department of Conservation count the deer population in Missouri into the millions. He said as long as they keep inviting Southern students to help, they will always get involved.

"The students really get interested in this," he said. "I can almost guarantee that the same ones will help next year."

MARCHING TO THEIR OWN DRUMMER



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Luke Thomas, freshman secondary education major, plays his trombone with the rest of the Southern Pride Marching Band as they put on a show at last Saturday's football game against University of Missouri Rolla.

KGCS-TV receives reward for services

By Eileen Cor
Staff Writer

Busy, busy, busy. In fact, Missouri Southern's KGCS-TV was too busy to reap in the glow of recognition for a job well done. They won the award for the 1999 Outstanding Media Organization.

"While I was accepting that award," said Judy Stiles, general manager of Missouri Southern Television, "we had over 200 students from elementary age through high school students on campus here for our Video Showcase Day, where we had guest speakers and presented the Pioneer Broadcast Award."

"Normally, I think stations would bring as much of their staff as they could to receive the award and recognition. We couldn't do that because our staff had to be back here doing the Video Showcase Day. That was really a successful day. We had good crowds."

This award was part of National Philanthropy Day and now has new meaning for Southern.

"This is the first time we have received this kind of recognition," Stiles said.

The award was sponsored by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, Heartland Chapter.

"Basically it's a group of people who work

for not-for-profit organizations or organizations within the community that we serve a lot with our programming," Stiles said.

"Not-for-profit organizations don't have a lot of money to go out and buy time so they depend on television stations to help through

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JUDY STILES
General Manager
Missouri Southern Television

their contributions and generosity to do that," she said. "That's one of the things we feel we can really do because we're not a commercial station. We're here to serve the College and the community."

This award is proof that hard work can pay off.

"Students have a sense of pride," Stiles said.

"That what they're doing is being noticed not only by the College, but by the community. Many hours of taping, community service programming, and so forth pay off when you receive this sort of recognition."

Representatives from many different community organizations attended the awards luncheon held Friday, Nov. 12.

"As I looked around the audience, I said, 'I bet two-thirds of those people have been in our studio at some point for an interview,'" Stiles said. "We reach out to a lot of community agencies and organizations in our productions."

KGCS-TV competed against commercial television stations, such as last year's recipient for the same award, KODE-TV.

"When you can [follow] someone like KODE-TV as a commercial station that has a great impact on the community, it's really an honor for the College to put on that same level as a broadcast station," Stiles said.

Robin McAlester, a 1998 speech communications graduate who is now a development associate for The United Way of Joplin, served as a member of the 1999 Philanthropy Day Committee.

"It's a great honor for the College," she said. "The College television station does a lot for the community. This was just a well deserved award that they received that day. I was really proud to have worked there."

Costa Rica supplies classroom

Biology 101, Kinesiology 101 travel abroad to examine terrain

By Rhonda Clark
Associate Editor

If traveling to France, England, or Mexico hasn't struck an interest, how about Costa Rica?

In its latest offering of study abroad, Missouri Southern offers a twist. From May 27 to June 30, education on foreign soil satisfies five credit hours for core requirements in General Biology 101 and Kinesiology 101. Dr. Dorothy Bay Grillet, assistant professor of biology, will instruct the 20 potential students, and especially encourages juniors and seniors who haven't met their biology requirement to consider the course.

"If they have not had their General Biology by that time and it's a course they're needing, I think it would be a wonderful time and place to take it," she said.

Even if the students don't need the kinesiology requirement, Bay Grillet believes the experience of working up close with Costa Rica's terrain is well worth the cost of another credit hour. She has visited the Institute of Technology in Cartago, and found the facilities similar to Southern's. The idea of a dual-credit course was meant to enhance the draw to students.

"I wish it would have been offered when I needed it," said Amy Wright, junior secondary education major. "I would have taken it."

"The advantage of being there and seeing stuff that doesn't grow here is worth the hiking and walking."

Wright also believes that gaining the five hours

credit in four weeks is an added plus.

Dr. F. Wayne Adams, professor of biology, said Southern has an agreement with the college in Cartago after several meetings with Liliana Abarca, head of the that school's international relations. Adams said grants enable the two colleges to exchange students.

"The idea is that we can essentially establish core classes on another campus," he said.

The kinesiology portion takes place primarily on the weekends led by a Costa Rican faculty member, and Adams believes this adds to the course offering.

He thinks students at any level of their education could benefit from the study abroad program in Costa Rica.

"It's a grand opportunity to have biology in a little different perspective," he said.

Southern students will stay with English-speaking host families. The course flier reads like a travel brochure as it lists the three separate three-day weekends to the volcanic cloud forest, the Pacific Coast, and San Jose.

"Costa Rica has a wide variety of habitats," Bay Grillet said. "It's a fantastic country having deserts, rain forests, and all altitudes. It will be a wonderful place to teach General Biology because it will have all of these hands-on examples of all the things we are talking about that can be brought into the laboratory."

Estimated cost of \$1,350 includes airfare, land travel, and lodging.

Southern tuition is separate, and students may apply for a Study Abroad Grant to reduce the cost by 40 percent or more.

"It's going to be a really interesting course and a fantastic opportunity for students," Bay Grillet said.

(... and now for something a little different...)

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SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Student Senate closes semester with confusion

Three campus organizations walked away with \$1,000 each to benefit their causes, but not without some discussion from senators.

First on the agenda was a request for \$1,000 from Omicron Delta Kappa, the honors leadership club. Heather Hoyle, Senate secretary and ODK president, presented the request for registration and lodging at the national convention in St. Louis. This was met with no objection.

The International Club was up next with a request for \$1,000 to travel to Chicago to learn about American culture outside Joplin. Jason Shaver, international communications major and member of the club, spoke for the \$1,000 request which would go toward the \$2,356 total of the trip.

Steven Bishop, treasury committee chairperson, said the club had raised \$700 during its International Food Fest and had \$400 in its account at the start of the semester. The treasury committee recommended granting the club \$500.

Senator Alex Berejnoi, also a member of the International Club, recommended granting \$1,000. A vote was taken on granting \$1,000 by a raising of hands and passed 17-6.

This is when the confusion started.

Some senators thought they were voting for the \$500 allotment, instead of the \$1,000. Freshman senator Catherine Singleton said she had voted incorrectly because she was confused as to what was being voted on. She said she thought all the senators should know parliamentary procedures.

"If we're a team, we have to learn the moves," Singleton said.

Discrepancies in procedure also arose when the Collegiate Music Educators asked for \$1,000 to attend their national convention in Osage Beach.

Senator Andre Ratliff asked why the club couldn't save money and stay in a hotel other than Tan Tar A — a hotel he called "the most expensive place in the Ozarks."

"That hotel is like \$300 a night," Ratliff said.

It was brought to Ratliff's attention by another senator that the hotel was only \$73 per night. The allocation passed.

Bishop reported the Senate's budget sits at \$6,042 after Wednesday night's allocations. The Senate will reconvene next semester in January.

Art class to take summer tour of European cities

Students may take on a whole new appreciation of art if they enroll in Art Appreciation 110 for the spring semester.

These three-credit-hour classes will meet during the semester for one hour, although classes will be shorter to compensate for the time spent abroad in London, Paris, and Rome. The trip will take place May 16-25, just after the spring semester ends. The estimated cost for the trip is \$3,200. Grant monies are available to all students through the Institute of International Studies.

For information regarding the class, students may contact V.A. Christensen at 625-9631. For information regarding grant monies, students may contact Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies, at 625-9736.

Salvation Army seeks volunteers for holiday season

Calling all students! The Salvation Army needs volunteers for their booths at the Northpark Mall.

The Salvation Army will have a booth set up to benefit area nursing homes and the Center of Hope Family Life Center Shelter for the Homeless. Volunteers are needed from 1-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Saturday. Bell ringers are needed, and there are opportunities for student organizations to take a kettle site for a day.

For information regarding volunteering at the mall, students may contact David at 624-5083. For those interested in bell ringing, students may contact Sarah at 624-4528.

'Sleeping Beauty' opens in Taylor Arts Center

Southern Theatre and the Show-Me Celebration Company will present "Sleeping Beauty" at 2:30 p.m., Dec. 4 & 5. The Children's Theatre Wing of Southern Theatre presents the 1-hour play in the Taylor Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$1 for adults, and 50¢ for children under 13.

For reservations contact Southern's Theatre Box Office in Taylor weekdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. or call 625-3190.

Friendship can go beyond students

I've always heard you're supposed to listen to those who are older and wiser and who have been where you are going.

As my last semester of college is approaching, I feel I've gained some wisdom about attending Missouri Southern. Here are just a few helpful thoughts that might make the education experience here a little more pleasant.

There are a few people you really ought to get to know. The first is the secretary who works in the office where you enroll.

This person can be an invaluable resource as he/she knows the ins and

outs of what's going on in your respective department. This person is usually friendly, and, in my experience, helpful in a number of situations.

The next people you should know are the custodians who work in the building where you spend most of your time.

Since I spend most of my time in Webster Hall, I have come to know Gary and Lilly fairly well. Lilly is a daily joy to see. She practically whistles while she works, and always has something encouraging to say. Gary is a horse of a different color, but has managed to keep things lively around the third floor since I've been here.

Anyone who even considers getting a job or switching jobs while in school would do well to visit Linda Sadler's office. She is in the student employment office next to the job board on the bottom floor of Hearnes Hall. This lady has not only helped my road through college take a less stressful turn, she is also one of the most personable people I have met at Southern.

As a matter of fact, I saw her about two months ago in the Lions' Den and she not only called me by name before I said hello, but knew I

was graduating in May and where I'm currently working. That's impressive.

I would also encourage students to take advantage of the core curriculum. Even though I wasn't overly enthusiastic about some of the classes I took, there were a few surprises.

As a good former College Orientation instructor, I won't name names, but my physics, biology, and economics instructors know

who they are. Even more than doing better on "Jeopardy," I truly feel I have a better understanding of some complex

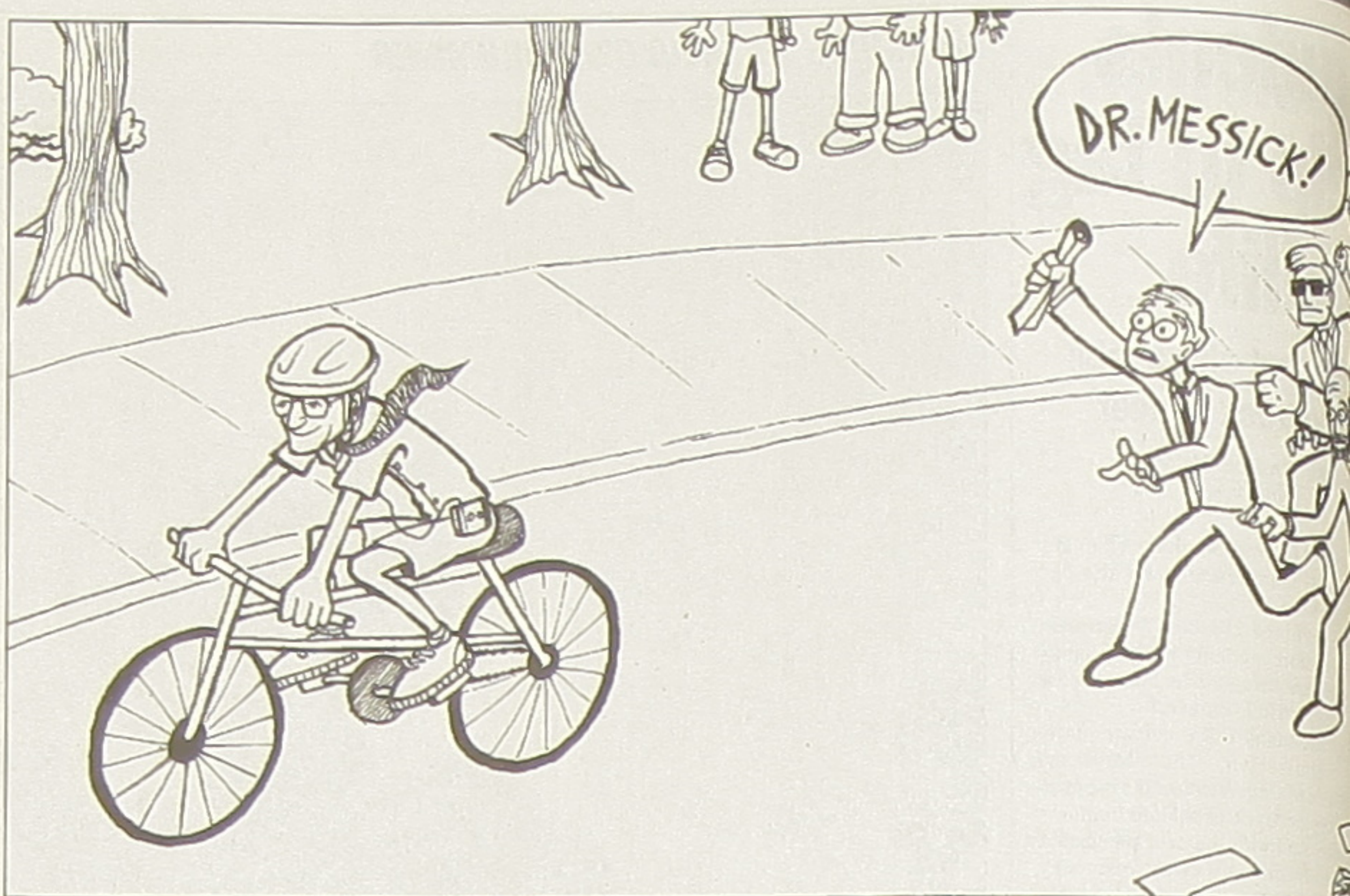
ideas after taking those classes. I also decided on a political science minor after taking an intriguing PSC 110 class my freshman year. College isn't all about getting where you're going when it's over. College is about finding out things about yourself you may have suspected, but never knew. It's about who you meet on the way through those four (plus) years to the graduation platform. It is also about living in almost the "real world" where you get to know people who genuinely improve your days along the way. Eva, who works at the snack bar, gives free smiles with every purchase, and people like Susan Craig in counseling, Kristy Jackson in Career Services, and the cross country coaches Patty Vavra and Tom Rutledge are only a few examples of people who have made this College a community for me.

There's a lot of "stuff" that can happen during four (plus) years of time. Don't look past some of your most valuable resources on this campus.

Spend your time here getting to know those outside your classroom, and, as every great advice-giver says: "Take my word for it, you'll thank me for this later." □

EDITOR'S COLUMN

GINNY ANDREWS
SENIOR EDITOR



Three cheers for good teachers

What does it take to be recognized as having excellence as an instructor? What types of characteristics are necessary for outsiders of an institution to realize a person's worth not only as a teacher, but also as a role model, an upstanding citizen, and a benefactor of education to all he or she comes in contact with?

Apparently, whatever all of those qualities must be, they were great enough for the governor of Missouri to take notice.

Enter the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. This award has been implemented at Missouri Southern since 1993. It rewards an instructor's commitment to effective teaching and advising, service to the college and community, and a commitment to high standards of excellence. It also recognizes an instructor's ability to nurture student achievement.

And why is this year's award such a big hub-bub? Well, Dr. John Messick, head of the biology department, has been graciously awarded this highly esteemed honor for his — to put it bluntly, EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING.

Messick will gain state-wide recognition for his 15 years of diligent teaching and service at Southern.

Teaching? What is this teaching we have heard about? It allows people to mold young minds (traditional and non-traditional alike), and gives them direction for their futures.

Caring, hard working, compassionate, dedicated, excited, enthusiastic, and friendly are qualities which students look for in a good teacher. These are also qualities the state of Missouri has deemed that Messick exemplifies and have

gained him this recognition. Now Messick can hang his hat on the coal rack honor with other previously named faculty members who have been cornerstones of the College.

Beginning in '83, the award went out to the late Dr. Judith Conboy, science department, who taught for 10 years while in a wheelchair; to Dr. Jim Jackson, biology department, whose favor with students allowed him to pass out to all he taught; to Warren Turner, kinesiology, who has coached basketball for 20 years and encourages his players to volunteer in community service organizations; to Richard Massa, head of the communications department, founder of the communications department and advised *The Chart* for 12 years before retiring in 1998; to Dr. Betsy Griffin, psychology department, and Larry Goodness, who were both instrumental in the development of their students' careers and always took time to assist each and every one in need.

But behind each one of these dedicated faculty members are students who push their educators to continually strive for excellence, and persevere in the face of trials. Of course, every teacher can drive you nuts, but it's the teacher who drives you to excel who is most deserving of recognition.

So to you, Dr. Messick, we say thank you for your service. Please keep teaching. The students are counting on you, the community is counting on you, and the world is counting on you.

And if you ever get a flat on that bike of yours, students should lend a hand as the least of all ways of saying thanks. □

Gore's burden: Can he overcome vice presidency?

Despite seven years of economic prosperity and relative peace abroad, Al Gore faces a difficult test in his quest to succeed Bill Clinton.

History is not on Gore's side.

Since 1789, only 14 of the 44 men who preceded Gore in the vice presidency eventually became president. That is 32 percent.

In other words, more than two-thirds of all vice presidents never made it to the top spot.

Of Gore's 10 immediate predecessors, only one (George Bush) was elected president directly upon completing eight years as vice president. He was then defeated in a bid for reelection four years later.

Three other vice presidents since 1950 did eventually become president: Johnson, Nixon, and Ford.

But two of the three left office ignominiously: LBJ due to a failed Vietnam policy and Nixon due to the Watergate scandal.

Two of the other six vice presidents since 1950 (Humphrey and Mondale) achieved their party's nomination for president but were rejected by the electorate. Another vice president, (Agnew) resigned over a scandal involving income tax evasion.

Most recently, Dan Quayle illustrated the frustrations a former vice president can face in seeking the White House.

Now Gore must deal with a growing challenge from former U.S. Senator Bill Bradley for the Democratic Party nomination, and polls suggesting Texas Governor George W. Bush would beat either of them in 2000.

But he must also contend with factors which inherently work against vice presidents.

One obstacle stems from the very nature of the office. By definition and tradition, vice presidents are subservient to the chief executive.

Such a role contributes to a public perception, whether accurate or not, of a persona lacking decisiveness, leadership, and vision. Efforts to distance oneself from an

administration of which one is still a part often appear awkward and confusing. Moreover, vice presidents may suffer from the lack of a proven national constituency.

Initially picked as a running mate by just one person, vice presidents are, admittedly, elected by the nation.

But most presidential elections focus primarily on the head of the ticket. So vice presidents have yet to demonstrate popularity on their own merits at the national level.

In addition, after two terms of the same leadership the nation may experience "voter fatigue," a vague but discernible yearning for new faces and fresh ideas.

This can be especially true when the outgoing president has been embroiled in sexual improprieties, impeachment, and controversial issues such as the siege at Waco, nuclear espionage, and illegal immigration.

Unfairly or not, the vice president must contend with public malaise growing out of nearly a decade of the same people around the White House.

All of these forces — historical, systemic, and psychic — now confront Al Gore. How effectively he handles them will determine his own, and the nation's, political future. □

IN PERSPECTIVE

DR. ALLEN MERRIAM
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Activity fees suck the marrow out of struggling students

I am bitter.

I thought I was OK, but at the beginning of the semester, the financial aid department informed me that they didn't have my FAFSA information. So I called the U.S. Department of Education, and they said that they couldn't find my forms that I had filled out way back in January. So I filled out new ones, and have been waiting for them to send the information to the financial aid department so that I can apply for a loan. It just so happens that Nov. 12 was the last day to apply for a loan, and they received my forms on that day. Guess what? The forms were wrong. So, now I have to complete all new forms and have my parents, who don't really have anything to do with my school finances, sign them. The problem is that I need to enroll, but I can't because there is a hold on my account because I can't get a loan to cover tuition. Did I mention that my parents live in Colorado and it takes about a week to mail this stuff back

and forth? Unless I want to pay charges to have it sent next-day mail.

Struggling through this stuff makes me sympathize with the guy from Wisconsin who is suing his school for the activity fees he has to pay. Now don't get me wrong, I think that activity fees are very often put to good use, but what about those of us who don't attend any of the activities?

Granted, it's only \$25 a semester, but when you add up the cost of tuition, which is more than reasonable here at Southern, and the cost of books, and the extra fees for certain classes, and the equipment fees and the facilities fees, the parking fees, the record fees, and the cost of the student I.D. card, not to mention all of those parking tickets that Southern security

is fond of handing out, that extra \$25 means a lot.

It may not mean a lot to the people collecting the money, but for someone like me who has car payments and house payments and insurance payments and bills and more bills, that \$25 means that I get to eat for a couple of weeks.

So, yeah, I can see where this guy is coming from.

He is forced to pay fees that go toward something that he doesn't agree with, just like all Southern students are forced to pay activity fees. The majority of our student body are commuters who use the school for classes and then go back home.

Sure, we may occasionally visit the library and park in the parking lots,

necessitating the equipment and facilities fees and the parking fees, but how many of us actually attend the activities? I think it is great that CAB is open to anyone's opinion and that all activities are planned on a majority vote, but I've been to those meetings and there are maybe 50 who attend out of the 5,500 who go to school here. How can that accurately represent the opinion of the school body?

Don't ask me what the solution is. I have no idea. I'm just bitter that I have to pay extra money for things that I don't even attend. And I'm bitter that colleges thrive off of poor students like myself who struggle through college wondering how they are going to eat the next day. It has been more than once that I have had a meal of Saltines simply because I am strapped for cash.

If anything, I guess I'm just trying to tell whoever is in charge of fees and stuff to lay off. We've got enough financial problems to worry about — we don't need more. □

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Once a Hoosier...

Basketball coach makes start

BY BLAKE BARD
Chart Reporter

Hoosiers, basketball, and Indiana go together like peas and carrots.

Although Chris Lowery, men's assistant basketball coach, could care less for peas and carrots, basketball and the movie *Hoosiers* rank high among the favorite things in his life.

"It's the best basketball movie ever made, and it's a true story," said Lowery about the 1986 film.

The movie was filmed in Indiana where Lowery, originally from Evansville, was raised and attended high school.

"Our high school coach made us watch it before every season to get us motivated," he said.

In high school, Lowery received all-city and all-state honors, and also played with NBA stars Calbert Cheaney of the Washington Wizards, and Walter McCarty of the Boston Celtics.

"It was fun in high school because we were so good, and it was so easy to be good with the guys I was playing with," he said.

Lowery later attended college at Southern Illinois University where he earned all-conference honors as a guard. His most significant achievement was playing in the NCAA Division I tournament at SIU.

The team went twice in consecutive years to the NCAA tournament from the Missouri Valley Conference, and lost to Duke one year and to Minnesota the following year.

"Competing against players like Grant Hill and playing teams such as Duke and Minnesota was very exciting," Lowery said.

He spent two years at Rend Lake Junior College in

Illinois where he was an assistant coach. After a two-year stint, Lowery went on to receive his master's degree at Southwest Missouri State University.

Since Lowery's college coach was Robert Corn's (men's head basketball coach) high school coach, Lowery decided to pursue a position at Southern.

"I knew a little bit about Robert Corn and Southern, and I knew it would be a good start for me," Lowery said.

Besides instructing a class on Mondays and Wednesdays, Lowery is also the recruiting coordinator.

"I spend the majority of my time on the phone talking to potential recruits and other coaches trying to find out information," he said.

When not on the phone, Lowery hits the road traveling to recruits' basketball games and sending letters to high school and junior college players.

Lowery hopes to one day become a head coach, but for now remains in the middle of the learning process as an assistant coach. He always knew his future would be in basketball.

"You don't realize how much you miss basketball until you are done playing," Lowery said.

He recalls his first job as a fitting room keyholder as a reminder that the basketball court is the only place for him.

"I had to stand in the department store by the fitting rooms with a set of keys waiting for someone to try something on," Lowery said. "It was horrible."

He enjoys listening to jazz and spending time with his 5-year-old daughter, Lexis, and his wife, Erika.

Lowery said his role models would have to be his grandparents.

"They raised me, taught me right from wrong, and taught me discipline," he said. □



Chris Lowery, men's assistant basketball coach, was raised in Indiana where the movie 'Hoosiers' was filmed. Lowery said the movie was shown before every basketball season to get his high school team motivated.

First impression of Southern

didn't wash away optimism

English professor found initial visit to campus a little bit dreary

BY MELISSA ELLIOTT
Chart Reporter

When it rains, it pours. But that didn't ruin Dr. Holly McSpadden's first impression of Missouri Southern.

When McSpadden, assistant professor of English, first arrived at the College, it was 65 degrees out and she was "dressed-up. Heels, hose, the whole bit." By mid-afternoon, the sky was "completely black. Water began to pour out of the sky," she said, but she still remained optimistic about the College.

"I stood by the window and thought, 'Well, I bet it's a nice campus, but I'm not going to go look,'" McSpadden said.

Born and raised in Amarillo, Texas, she received her Ph.D. at the University of Texas in 1996. She was the first in her family to get a college degree.

McSpadden chose to work in the English field because "there seems to be so many possibilities when you are working with ideas and language and words. You can do or go anywhere."

McSpadden is not only passionate about her career, but also about exercising.

"I run, I swim, I have a Nordic Track, I do weight work, and I like to walk around," she said. "Walking is like words. It seems like there are endless possibilities. You can just walk around and think whatever you want."

McSpadden has also traveled to France, Belgium, Australia, and England.

Interestingly enough, her role models weren't movie stars, athletes, or super heroes. McSpadden's role models were her teachers.

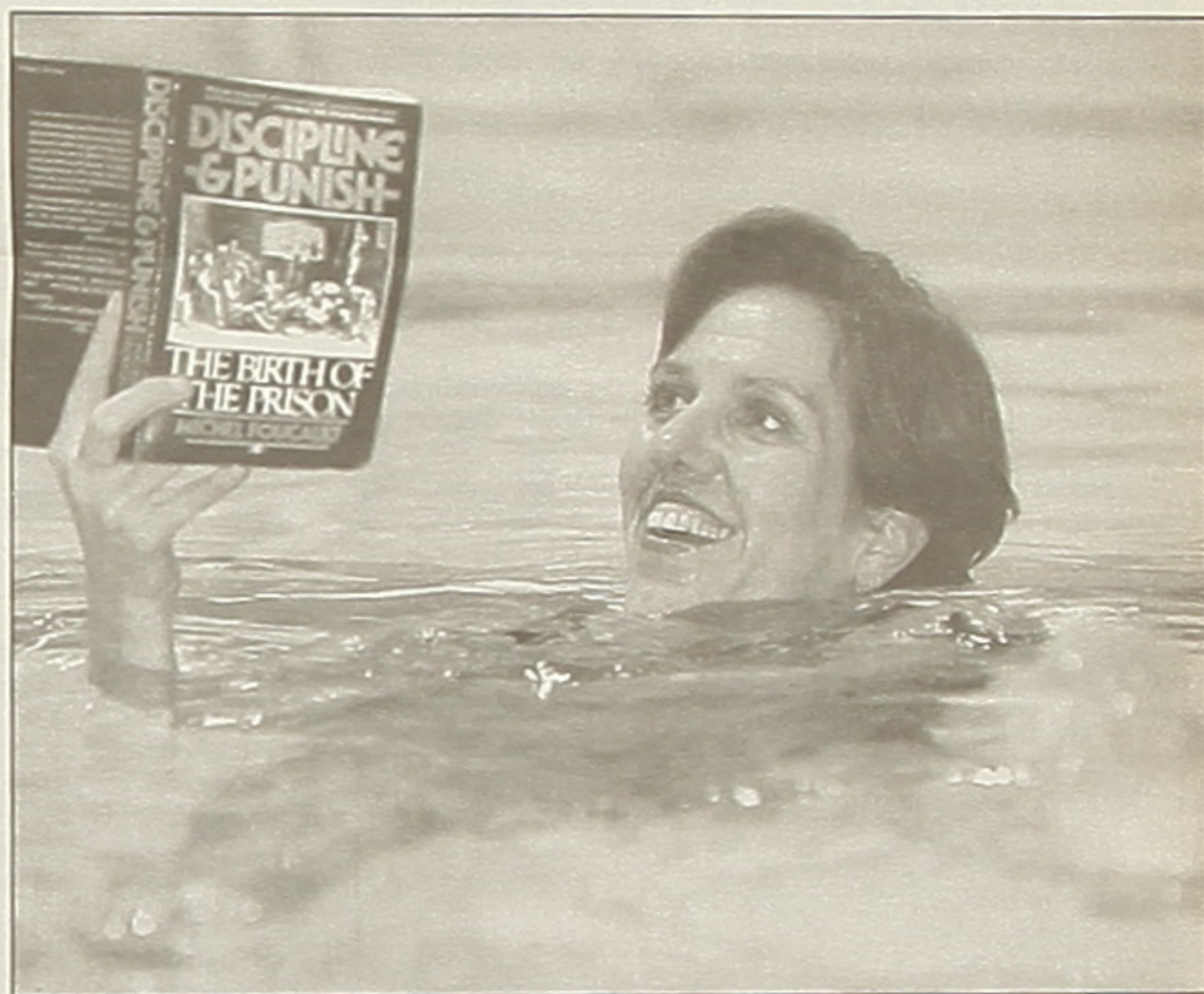
"Teachers who were kind to me seemed like they had some power to make your life better or to help you," she said.

"I guess it's the same power mean teachers seem to have to make your life miserable."

McSpadden had no idea that she would be where she is today.

"Ten years ago, I started graduate school and I didn't really know where that would lead," McSpadden said. "I guess I thought it would lead to a job, but I didn't know where."

Her advice to college students is basically a golden rule among many colleges all across America: "Study hard and don't be late to class." □



Dr. Holly McSpadden, assistant professor of English, enjoys a quick dip in the Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium pool. She said she went into the English field because of the many possibilities there are when working with ideas, languages, and words.

From rags to residence hall director

BY ERICA MATTLAG
Chart Reporter

From building batteries for space shuttles to mowing lawns, Jeff Daniel has done it all.

Daniel, men's residence hall director, came to Missouri Southern with many experiences behind him. Since 1986, he has owned and operated You Grow It, We Mow It Lawn Care.

"I am proud of it because I built it into a successful business from nothing, and it put me through school," Daniel said.

He also was employed for three years at Eagle-Picher Technology, LLC, the leading supplier of thermal batteries for the U.S. government. There, he helped build batteries for space shuttles.

When the job for residence director opened, Daniel jumped at the chance.

"I saw an opportunity to go back to school on a full-time basis," he said.

"And, I've always wanted this job."

While attending Southern, Daniel was a staff assistant (SA) in the residence halls for four years.

"I liked working for the College as an SA," Daniel said. "It has provided me with many opportunities that can benefit me in the future."

A 1996 Southern graduate, he plans to obtain his master's degree from Southwest Missouri State University in 2000. With the agreement through Southern and SMSU programs, he can take most of his classes at Southern.

Although Daniel has lived in a house for three years, after some initial adjustment, he likes living in the residence halls.

To make him feel more at home, he brought his dog, Sir Knightly Xavier, with him.

The easiest way to explain why he is allowed to have a pet would be "because I'm the boss," he said with a grin.

How Knightly got his name, Daniel is not sure.

"He was named by my fiancé," he said.

Daniel is to be married in June. He proposed to his fiancé on Christmas Eve last year. He wrapped the ring box around a teddy bear, but when she opened the box, it was empty.

"When she turned around, I had the ring in my hand," Daniel said.

But not to worry, he plans on being residence director for at least three more years.

He advises new freshmen "to study hard early and establish your grade-point average at that time," noting how easy it is for a student to drop and how hard it is to get the GPA back up.

He said it helps to have a role model to look up to when times are hard.

"I look up to my father because over the years he has taught me many values that are priceless," he said. "He just taught me how to cope with things."

Daniel also has many hobbies. Fishing, hunting, and collecting baseball caps, and Star Wars memorabilia are a few. From the figurines to the space shuttles, he's got it.

"I've even got the cup toppers from Pizza Hut!" he said, smiling.

But whether it is running off to another meeting, doing paperwork, or walking Knightly, Daniel wants everyone to know, "I really am a nice guy!" □

"I look up to my father because he taught me many values that are priceless."

JEFF DANIEL
Men's Residence Hall Director



Matt Madara/The Chart
Jeff Daniel, men's residence hall director, and Sir Knightly Xavier watch over the residence halls, and keep everything in order.

Diversions

Video Showcase presents awards

BY ERIN SELLERS
Associate Editor

Last Friday was immersed in the past, present, and future of broadcast journalism. Missouri Southern hosted the 3rd annual Southern Video Showcase and Pioneer Broadcaster Award assembly.

In keeping with Southern's Latin America Semester, the program was titled "Video Fiesta: Exploring the World Through Visual Communications."

"It was my concept to design the video showcase," said Ward Bryant, assistant professor of communications. "There was a group of us that actually put it together."

Local area schools bring student-produced video pieces, ranging from faux-newscasts to music videos, to be judged and critiqued.

"We have a video screen that students can see what others are actually doing," Bryant said.

Jasper Junior High, a first-time participant in the Video Showcase, took first place in the Music Video category.

"This was our first year," said Tom Jones, Jasper Junior High art teacher and the sponsor in charge of student video production. "I think [the students] see how much time it takes to produce a 30 second commercial... it takes 5 hours."

Although Jones has the final say, he gives the students the freedom to come up with and execute their ideas with little interference.

"Most everything that they're doing now is completely theirs," he said. "I just try to advise. I've made some suggestions, but they produce it, video tape it, edit it."

Professionals from fields such as broadcast news, commercial producing and computer design were on hand to speak to local students about being a professional in today's market.

"It benefits students as young as 4th grade up to high school," Bryant said. "They really get to talk to professionals in their field."

Bryant also views the showcase as a learning experience for Southern faculty.

"So far we've had real positive feedback from the speakers," he said. "It gives us the idea of what they're wanting from our students and what we can do to better prepare our students in the future for a job."

Another major aspect of last Friday's Video Showcase was the recognition of the 1999 Pioneer Broadcaster. Don Gross was the recipient of this year's award.

Gross has been in broadcasting for more than four decades. He is not a stranger to Southern's campus, either. He is the former "Voice of the Lions."

Because of his relation to Southern Athletics, he is now an honorary member of the State College Letterman Alumni Association Hall of Fame.

Gross was a radio newscaster in the days when radio announcers made their own sound effects. In addition to working in radio, he has been employed in television in several capacities, including as a news director of KSNF-TV. □



Bob Carpenter, television sports announcer for the St. Louis Cardinals, spoke Friday on The World of Sports Broadcasting at the Southern Video Showcase. He has been in the WB11 booth for six seasons and has also worked for the Texas Rangers, the NY Mets, and the Minnesota Twins.

Cardinal's announcer shares life experience

BY JASON WALSH
Chart Reporter

Working for the St. Louis Cardinals fulfilled a childhood dream for sportscaster Bob Carpenter.

"I didn't know if I'd ever get to work for the Cardinals," Carpenter said. "I've wanted to ever since I was a teenager."

Since 1995, Carpenter has been the play-by-play announcer for the Cardinals. He grew up in St. Louis and has loved the team since he was a boy. His fondest memories are of his father taking him to see ball games and seeing legends like Stan Musial play. He has been sportscasting in major league baseball for 16 years with teams such as the New York Mets, the Texas Rangers, and the Minnesota Twins.

Carpenter was one of the guest speakers at the College's Southern Video Showcase on Friday, Nov. 12 in the Webster Hall auditorium.

Carpenter has worked in many different professional and collegiate sports, but emphasized how special baseball was to him. He relayed this sentiment to the audience with a story about an unidentifiable baseball card found at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

The card in his story had a picture of an old-time player in a Sinclair Oil jersey. The card was researched and the press eventually picked up the story. A young man phoned and said he had placed the card there, and knew the identity of the player. The next day, he brought an identical card to the curator, who asked who the man was. The boy said, "this guy wasn't a real professional ball player, but he was the guy who was always there to play catch with me. He taught me how to play the game of baseball and he was

"For me to call myself a Cardinals sportscaster is indeed an honor."

BOB CARPENTER
St. Louis Cardinals sportscaster

always there for every other kid in the neighborhood."

The curator again asked who the man was. The boy said "well, he's no longer living, but that was my dad. I always thought he belonged in the Hall of Fame."

Carpenter said this story was a perfect example of how special baseball is.

"For me to call myself a Cardinals sportscaster is indeed an honor," Carpenter said.

He said when a person gets involved with the team, they become part of that organization. With Carpenter's job, he also gets to know the players outside of their fame.

"You find out that they are, in some respects, regular people, just like you and me," Carpenter said.

Through his position, Carpenter has met baseball legends like Lou Brock, Bob Gibson, and his childhood hero, Musial. He now sometimes works with former Cardinal and future Hall-of-Famer, Ozzie Smith, on KPLR.

"Sometimes I'm sitting up there and I'm like, what am I doing sitting next to Ozzie Smith?" Carpenter said.

He has covered many other sports besides baseball. Monday, he left for Tucson, Ariz., for the first round of the preseason NIT college basketball tournament. Later this month, Carpenter will host the Maui Invitational in Hawaii for ESPN, which involves an arduous schedule of six games in three days.

Carpenter has also covered the NBA, NFL, World Cups, the Master's golf tournament in Augusta, Ga., and most college and high school sports. He has worked for both ESPN and CBS. Carpenter has done everything from rugby and track to bowling and horse racing.

"I've even done rodeo, which, for a boy from St. Louis who lives in Oklahoma and doesn't even own a pair of cowboy boots, is quite a stretch," Carpenter said.

A graduate of the University of Missouri-Kansas City, he got his start in driving work ethic from his father, a former steelworker in St. Louis. His father passed away three years ago on the same day as Carpenter's birthday. He said his dad was an important influence.

While at school in Kansas City, Carpenter was in a production class with a professor named Brent Mussberger, who, ironically, was the coach of the famous sportscaster Ozzie Smith. Carpenter said he would later work with through CBS. In 1995, Mussberger told Carpenter's class there were no jobs and the business was too crowded.

"I refused to believe that," Carpenter said. "I believed that if you worked hard and were willing to do whatever it took, you'd be successful."

Twenty-five years later, Carpenter has proved his instructor wrong. He emphasized that he loves his job and all the benefits it has. □



Mr. Richard Massa (shown left) congratulates Don Gross who won the Pioneer Broadcaster Award at the Video Showcase last Friday.

Annual Christmas parade marches through past, present, future

Local organizations provide floats for parade competition

BY MELODY LANING
Staff Writer

The upcoming Thanksgiving break brings to mind another major holiday — Christmas.

In order to stir up the usual holiday spirit, the Joplin Jaycees will be hosting their annual Christmas parade at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7. The entry fee is \$5 and they will not accept any entries later than November 26. The parade begins on 20th and Main and will travel North to 1st and Main. Currently, there are more than 150 entries.

"The number of entries that we currently have is right around normal," said Kirstie Smith, the

1999 chairperson for the Joplin Jaycee parade. "We still have a few spots left open which will be assigned on a first-come first-serve basis. We want no more than 200 entries."

The theme for the parade this year is "Christmas, Past, Present, and Future." Each entry will be judged based on its creativity and on the entry's best ability to interpret the theme. There will be five categories judged: junior high band, senior high band, church/committee, corporate, and novelty. After picking a first place in each of these categories, a Best of Show will be awarded.

"This winner will most closely match the theme of the parade," Smith said. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winner in each category and then to the overall winner. The amount of these prizes is unknown and depends on the amount of money received from the entry fees. All money from the fees will go toward prizes.

There will be six judges examining each category this year. They involve local media personalities such as TV anchormen, deejays, *Joplin Globe* writers, and even Jeff Billington, editor-in-chief of *The Chart*.

"The judges chairman contacted local media and asked for their representation," Smith said.

"Of course there will be the usual Santa Claus," she said. "The Zeta Tau Alpha sorority will be his elves."

One of the many other Southern organizations to participate in the holiday spirit is Koinonia. The group began planning its float at the beginning of November. This was their first year to participate in the parade. Around 50 people have been helping with building the float and around 40 will actually be on the float.

"The float consists of a long trailer which is split into two sides," said Elizabeth Schurman, junior business marketing management major. "On

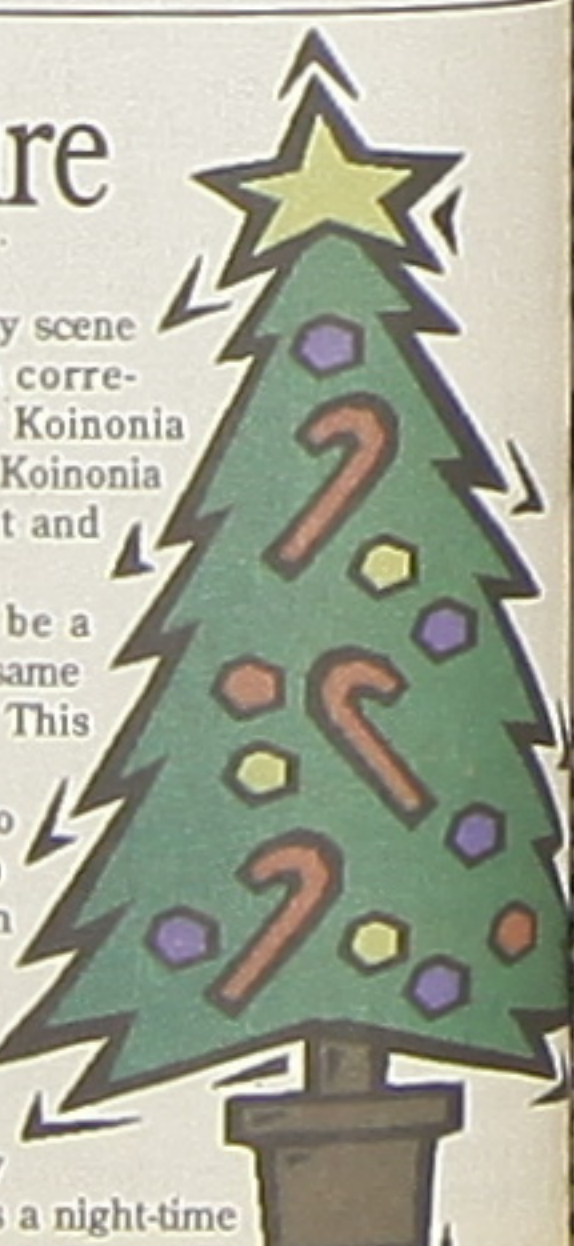
both sides there will be a nativity scene representing the past, which corresponds with the theme. Other Koinonia members will be wearing their Koinonia shirts to represent the present and future."

On the float there will also be a quote saying "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." This quote will tie it all together.

"We thought it would be neat to be involved in the community so that they could see that Southern has a Christian involved organization," Schurman said.

"This parade is open to everyone," Smith said.

"All we ask is that everyone try to have a lighted float since it is a night-time parade." □



Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Chris Roberts at 625-9311.



■ Tom Long, shown above, gave a speech on the foundation of Leggett & Platt Tuesday in Matthews Hall. During his speech, he talked about the location of a new facility in China and Southeast Asia.

Today 19

Sleepy Hollow & The World Is Not Enough open in box offices.
Last day of Southern Showcase, Spiva gallery.
Women's basketball in Northeastern State University tournament.
7 p.m.-
Contemporary Foreign Film Series, Webster 105. Film TBA.

Saturday 18

Cross Country hosts Southern Stampede
7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.-
National Teachers Exam, Matthews.
8 a.m.-
JPTA Sonatina Festival, Webster auditorium
7 p.m.-
JPTA Recital, Webster auditorium.

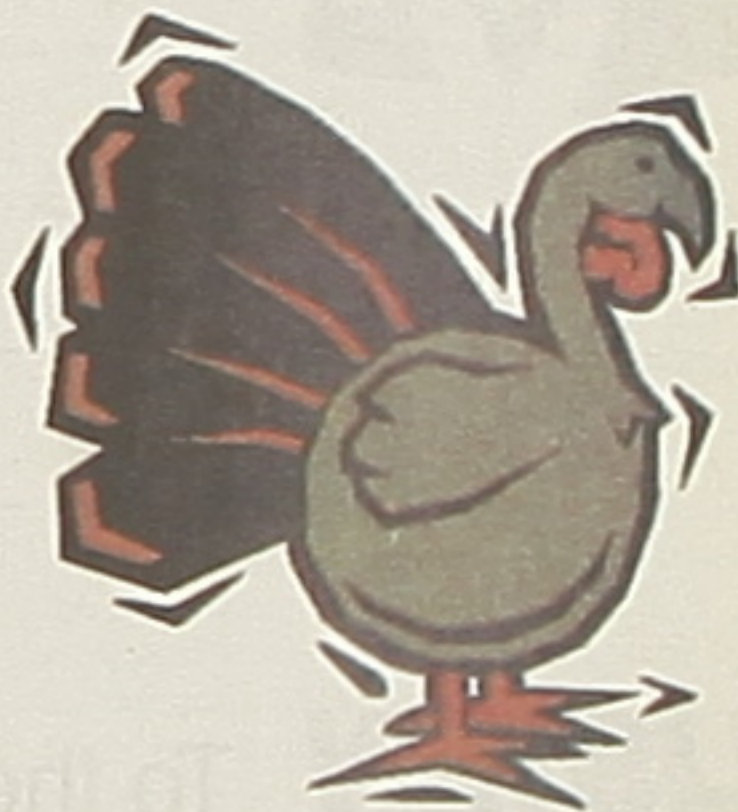
Monday 22

12:00 p.m.-
CAB meeting, BSC 310. Everyone welcome and lunch is provided

Tuesday 23

7 p.m.-
Men's Basketball vs. Bartlesville Wesleyan.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Saturday 27

Men & Women's Basketball in PSU Classic.
JLT The Rainmaker through Dec. 5.

Monday 29

12:00 p.m.-
CAB meeting, BSC 310. Everyone welcome and lunch is provided

Tuesday 30

Men's Basketball at Northeastern State University.

Thursday 2

7 p.m.-
CAB Lecture: Gil White: Europe and the World on 84 cents a Day. Webster auditorium.

Friday 3

English Field Day
7 p.m.-
Contemporary Foreign Film Series: Buena Vista Social Club, Webster 105.

Saturday 4

Chris Tucker Basketball Classic.
C-Base Test, Taylor 217, 218.
Southern Theatre presents Sleeping Beauty through Dec. 5.
For reservations call 3190.

Alumni from the Missouri Southern theater department have made their way onto the Joplin Little Theatre stage. The theatre's next play, "Rainmaker," begins Nov. 27th and will run through Dec. 5th.

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Timely performance climbs onto JLT stage

By CHRIS ROBERTS
Diversions Editor

For Thanksgiving weekend, the Joplin Little Theatre is serving up a performance full of comedy and romance put on by a cast replete with Southern alumni. "Rainmaker," starring Autumn Ross and Brandon Davidson, starts at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 27. The play, written in 1954 by N. Richard Brown, is set in the early 1930s in a drought-stricken town. The story centers on Ross' character, Lizzie, a 27-year-old spinster who lives with her two brothers. Their comfort zone is shattered when in walks a man claiming that he is Lizzie's husband. Starbuck, in turn, finds that she has never felt as Starbuck helps her realize she is a beautiful

Fellow cast-member Greg Green, who plays the eldest brother Noah, has great confidence in the leading duo.

"When an actor is trying to avoid humiliation is when they create the best drama," he said.

Fortunately, the stars have appeared in leading romantic roles opposite each other before.

"There are very dramatic scenes in this romantic comedy, and it is definitely challenging to find a meeting point that makes (Lizzie) come together."

AUTUMN ROSS
JLT Actress

"We actually met for the first time at the JLT," Ross said. "We played love roles in 'The Sound of Music.' For some reason, we just kept getting cast in leading romantic roles with each other. We started dating because of it, and eventually got married."

The cast, which consists of seven actors and six designers, has been rehearsing every Monday through Friday since the second week in October.

"Usually a performance rehearses for six to eight weeks," said Kate Walters, director of the show. "It takes a lot of time to act natural."

Walters, also a Southern graduate, makes her directorial debut at JLT, though she also directed shows while at the

College.

"At Southern, you have all the teachers to help," she said. "But here, I am responsible for all aspects of the performance. I'm really excited about this show though, because I have an excellent group of actors and I haven't had very many problems at all."

The play will run until Dec. 5. For reservations, persons may call 623-3638 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. □



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Autumn Ross and her husband, Brandon Davidson gaze into each other's eyes as they rehearse for JLT's play, the Rainmaker.

Santa Claus is coming to town

Mall prepares for holiday shoppers

By CHRIS ROBERTS
Diversions Editor

When Santa comes to town it's a sure sign that it's Christmas. Right, Santa has found his way into Joplin already, he's stopping in the Northpark Mall. He will arrive at the mall on Saturday, Nov. 20. He will spend his days from through Christmas Eve visiting with boys and girls in the Famous Barr Women's Court. To help celebrate the occasion on Saturday, the Jasper Reading Council will be sharing fun holiday stories with the children starting at 10 a.m., before Santa's arrival.

It is not the only way that the mall is preparing for the upcoming holiday season. They've gone all-out to make this holiday mall shopping experience some-thing enjoyable.

One of the first things the mall has done in preparation for the holiday season is to set up a number of new retail merchandising units throughout the mall. "We've just recently opened 10 new ones," said Melodee Hart, specialty lease manager. "This holiday season is an opportune time to open a retail operation and experiment with product lines."

To help shoppers stay abreast amidst all the new confusion, the mall's management company, General Growth Properties (GGP), is introducing the Holiday Gift Guide. One wishing to use this service can visit the mall's website from now until Dec. 24. This interactive shopping center allows shoppers to determine the best holiday gifts. It also helps customers by letting them view a national survey of the top five requested

gifts, sorted by age and gender.

"Every consumer wants to know about the hottest holiday gift ideas of the season," said Charlie Graves, senior vice president of GGP's business division. "With Mallibu.com's holiday gift guide shopping index, we can capture and share a daily snapshot of what merchandise consumers intend to buy or expect to receive during the holidays."

This is not the only way the mall is helping to make the shopping experience more enjoyable. They have also planned a number of unique activities from now until Christmas in an effort to help get patrons into the holiday spirit. One of the big things is the return of the Angel tree, which will be located in the JC Penney Court.

The Salvation Army Angel Tree, which begins today, is a program that provides gifts to area residents residing in care facilities. In 1998, this project assisted 1,200 people. Customers are asked to browse the tree and adopt an angel containing information on a specific individual and his or her Christmas wish list. This will also work hand in hand with the Coats for Kids campaign which provided more than 1,000 coats to the area's needy children last year.

The mall is sponsoring many other programs centered around goodwill to the community. For more information, persons may contact Karen Hildebrand at (417) 781-2121.

With the extension of the mall's hours (see graphic), there will be ample opportunity to take part in the number of contests and various forms of entertainment throughout the season.

Groups from schools, churches, and miscellaneous groups, both vocal and instrumental, are invited to schedule performances at the mall. Events already booked can

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Saturday, November 27 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday, November 28 Noon - 7 p.m.

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be seen on a stage located in the Wards/Sears court. Even with all of the hubbub at the mall, Santa is always the favorite.

This year the Northpark Mall joins the list of malls hosting a "Naturally Bearded" Santa, and being Santa brings a lot of abuse. From a survey taken of Santas all over the country, 100 percent have had their beard pulled, 75 percent have been kicked, 12 percent bitten, and 75 percent have actually had a child relieve themselves while on Santa's lap.

As the General Growth Properties Santa Survey says, "It takes a lot of patience and a sense of humor to be Santa Claus." □

Jambalaya's serves cajun, spice to Southern connoisseur

By CANDACE MOORE
Staff Writer

After being tired of the same old thing when it comes to eating in Joplin? Personally, I'm not a fan of places like Applebee's, Garfield's, Ruby Tuesday. Sometimes I make a trip to Springfield just to find something new, not that it's much better. That's when I heard about Jambalaya's, I didn't wait to give it a try.

It was hard to find. If you're a former Pub and Grill customer, you know where it is. If you're not, it's on Sixth

and Joplin, next to Guccione's. It's impossible to miss the colorful sign, and you can hear the music before hitting the sidewalk.

I must say I'm not a New Orleans cuisine connoisseur by any sense of the word. I've had gumbo at Silver Dollar City, and a couple of weeks ago, I had jambalaya at a restaurant in Springfield that was so hot I had to drink two glasses of water and a huge glass of milk with it. I love spicy food, but this was too extreme even for me. I swore I'd never eat cajun food again, but, needless to say, I didn't mean it.

Jambalaya's just screams fun as soon as you walk in the door. Everything is bright and cheerful with a color scheme of red, green, yellow, blue, and purple, and that includes the chairs, floor tiles, napkins, and wall decor. The music is a bit loud for the couple wanting to have a quiet, intimate conversation, but the lively cajun and ragtime tunes did make the experience more festive.

The menu includes anything cajun you could possibly crave, along with a few American-style dishes thrown in as well. I wanted to try the chicken pasta jambalaya,

but was a little hesitant because of my last experience with the stuff. The waitress told me it was her favorite dish and it wasn't too spicy, so I decided to give it a try. And did I like it? Let's just say my plate couldn't have been emptier if I'd licked it clean and my water glass was only half full when I left.

I am now a fan of Jambalaya's and I hope more people will at least try it.

There's no place like it in Joplin, and if you are a planning a trip to New Orleans some day, it'll give you a taste of what it will be like. □

TITLE: Honey oils gears of College

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The changes came about after Dr. Julio Leon, College president, decided it was time for the change.

"It was a way of honoring them for their good work," Bitterbaum said. "Each has done some marvelous things to help with the College and its functions."

And, of course, the recognition is more than welcome.

"I'm very grateful and I appreciate whatever endorsement this is of me," Honey said.



DR. DELORES HONEY

In her time here at Southern, she has taught business classes, has been the assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, and has even worked as a registrar.

But while she's oiled many gears of the Southern machine, don't expect her to come in and rebuild the motor with her new title.

"I probably won't see any major changes, but to hold up the quality of work this office has done," she said.

Honey said she likes to look at the whole picture of an organization, and she enjoys taking a closer look at administrative approaches.

"It the key to why we're here," she said. □

AWARD: Messick to attend conference

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which makes him a natural teacher.

"People who have got [the award] before have been exceptional faculty members; I'm just flattered," Messick said.

Messick, his wife Nancy (who is also secretary to Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic



DR. JOHN MESSICK

affairs), Leon, and Bitterbaum will travel to St. Louis for the annual conference sponsored by Gov. Mel Carnahan and the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE).

Messick will be recognized, along with the other instructors from every Missouri institution.

Leon said the topic of this year's conference is cost containment in higher education.

The governor's awards recognize effective teaching, advising, serving, and success in nurturing student achievement. □

TECHNOLOGY: Strait enjoys new job

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higher title so I think it's a natural progression for someone who's doing a very good job," he said. "Mrs. Strait has just been excellent this last year with me and she has helped with critical self studies and accreditation visits that we've had to do."

"I don't look for her job to change much," Spurlin said. "I've treated her all along as, I guess, sort of like a partner, an assistant dean, and I don't see anything different. I've given her all the responsibilities I could give her from the very beginning to see how she'd do with them, and she's done real well."

He said he is very pleased with her receiving this promotion and would like to think of himself as a mentor in helping to guide her along in "her path to who knows where."

Strait said she has known she has already been regarded as an assistant dean by Spurlin.

"The little 'to the' words make a little difference, but he has always treated me and given me the responsibilities of assistant dean," she said. "This is something I think he was very much for."

"It's been a great experience this last year and Dr. Spurlin has been very instrumental in giving me a lot of opportunities and encouragement with learning about the school of technology," Strait said. "He's been wonderful to work with."

"I don't look for her job to change much. I've treated her all along as, I guess, sort of like a partner, an assistant dean..."

JACK SPURLIN

Dean of the School of Technology

She said over the last year she has been lucky in the things she has gotten to do.

"I'm getting an opportunity to work with all the departments within the school of technology and all the faculty which I knew well before I took the position," Strait said. "I've had the opportunity to help three departments go through their accreditation process, which was a really good way to learn the intricate internal functioning of each of the departments."

She said she enjoys the job she has.

"I love what I do and some days I think, 'I can't believe they pay me to do what I like to do,'" Strait said. "I never dread getting up and coming to work in the morning." □

FEES: CAB spends \$36 K

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performers.

"We're looking to bring in Ryan Styles [of "Whose Line Is It Anyway" and "The Drew Carey Show"] in February," Carlisle said.

Members of "Saturday Night Live," George Wallace, and Kevin Nealon, are also among the entertainers being considered, Carlisle said.

"We want to bring in better-known lecturers, major concerts, and more weekend programming, such as the volleyball tournaments and dances," she said.

CAB has spent more than \$36,000 on various activities; the balance is \$14,737.

Crossroads: The Magazine operates on \$18,940 this semester and publishes three times a year.

Dr. J.R. Moorman, communications department head, said the publishing cost of the fall issue was \$9,222. Crossroads is allocated approximately \$36,000 for the year. Moorman said the remainder of the funds are used for technological updates and production costs.

In the Senate, campus clubs can request funds to sponsor events or attend organization conferences. This semester, the Senate has granted approximately \$5,500 to various organizations. Each semester, monies that aren't spent are rolled over to the next semester's budget.

Doug Carnahan, dean of students

"We want to bring in better-known lecturers, major concerts, and more weekend programming."

VAL CARLISLE

Coordinator for Student Activities

and Student Senate adviser, said he can't remember a year when the Senate rolled over a large amount of funds because the Senate usually wants to financially help clubs and organizations.

Moorman said at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, all monies that haven't been spent are recycled into the general fund.

"Most of time we're in the hole [because we're a public institution]," Moorman said. "We don't have that opportunity [to put money back into the general fund]."

It won't be until May or June of next year, after the Supreme Court makes its decision, that the outcome of the case will touch Southern's budgeting.

Until then, student fees will fund CAB, Student Senate, campus prizes and Crossroads: The Magazine. □

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Bad year alienates spectators

When I tell people I want to be a sports reporter, I am often asked what sports I want to cover. I think about it and the sports that come to mind are baseball, football and even basketball. Although I am proud to be a part of *The Chart* and writing sports stories every week, volleyball has not been as exciting for me to write as some other sport could have been.

Being a female sports reporter, it could be harder to get to write the sports that are more exciting.

In the beginning of the semester, I felt I knew more about football than volleyball. As the semester has progressed, so has my knowledge of volleyball. One of the many ways volleyball

differs from other sports is that volleyball does not receive the recognition other sports gain. For example, how many students would go to a volleyball game on Friday night if there was a football game at the same time? I am just as guilty as the rest of the students. Between juggling school and work, my free time is limited. However, that is no excuse. I should have made more time for volleyball.

Another thing which keeps the attendance low at games is the overall win-loss record. With a 12-17 overall record, it is even tougher to gain the support of fans.

Hailing from Kansas City, I know how hard it is to get fans to support a team with a losing record. The Royals have battled losses for the past couple of years. That's baseball though, not to say volleyball and baseball are similar, because they're not. The fact is simple: win or lose, all sports need the support to help them through the season.

In volleyball, teams must win three out of five games to complete a match. The first team to 15 wins the game, but the team must win by two points — meaning, in one game, the team could come out fighting and lose the next games.

Volleyball may not be as physically grueling as other sports, but it does have its stressful times. Southern's volleyball team has experienced some stressful matches this season.

As with any other sport, it is stressful when not all players are playing to the best of their abilities. There were times this season that some players were not giving it their all, thus causing stressful times for the Lady Lions.

With all the improving volleyball teams out there, the '99 season was very competitive for Southern's Lady Lions. The Lady spikers have struggled all season to compile a winning record, but came one game short of finishing at .500 in conference play.

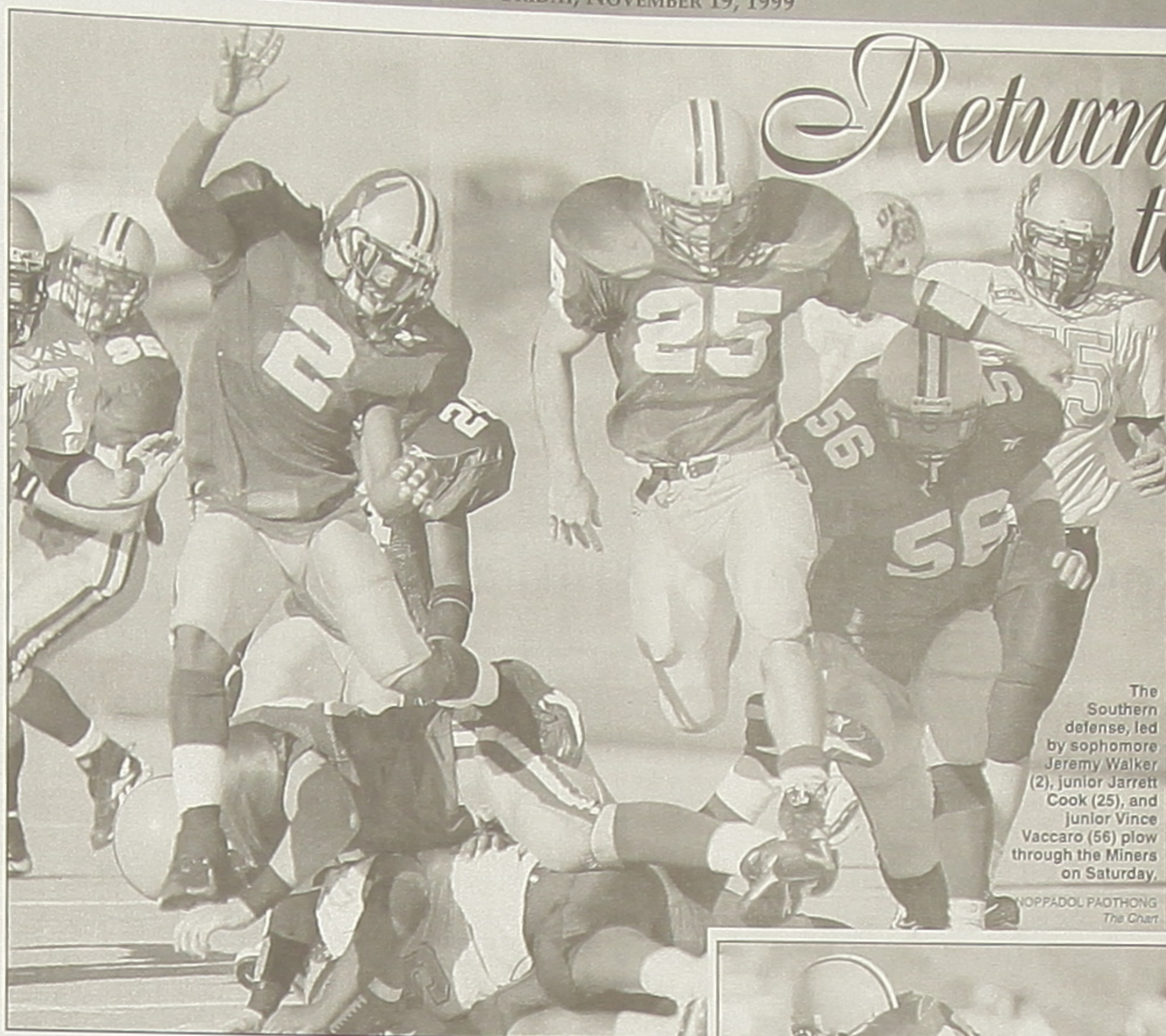
They began and finished the season with a talented group of young ladies, but the team has lacked consistent playing throughout the season. Coach Debbie Traywick stated all season the team has been inconsistent and needed to cut out mental mistakes.

With only one senior, Meredith Hyde, it looks as if the majority of these ladies will be back next season and may have a greater chance of a winning season and of making it to regional action.

"Our focus in the off-season is to prepare to be more consistent next season," Traywick said.

Next season promises to be more exciting for Southern's volleyball team. □

SPORTS COLUMN
KRISTY HAMBY
STAFF WRITER



The Southern defense, led by sophomore Jeremy Walker (2), junior Jarrett Cook (25), and junior Vince Vaccaro (56) plow through the Miners on Saturday.

NOPPADOL PAOTHONG
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Return to GLORY

Team effort pushes Lions to victory in finale

By VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

After a long drought of five losses in a row, the Missouri Southern football team broke the skid on Saturday to complete its 1999 season with a win.

The Lions played host to the University of Missouri-Rolla, who came into the game without a win this season.

Striking first for Southern was senior kicker Mark Lewandowski, who banged a 26-yard field goal to put his team up, 3-0. Early in the second quarter, sophomore running back Joey Ballard ran for a two-yard touchdown. After Lewandowski failed to hit the extra-point, the score was 9-0. Putting the Lions on top 16-0 at the half was sophomore running back Antonio Whitney, who leaped into the end zone for the touchdown.

Much of the same took place in the second half when sophomore quarterback Seth McKinzie ran a two-yard keeper for the touchdown early in the third quarter.

Ballard later ran for his second touchdown early in the fourth quarter. Finally, junior half back Shawn Williams came through with the punch-out on a 13-yard touchdown run, as Southern went on to blank the Miners, 37-0.

Ken Okwuonu ran 69 yards in the game to give him a total of 1,018 for the season.

Despite being the first player for UMR in six years to rush for 1,000 yards, Gregory said the Lion's defense did a great job of shutting him down, and shutting out the Miners.

"We wanted to get that shut-out and felt we should," he said. "They're a struggling football team, not taking anything away from them, but they are."

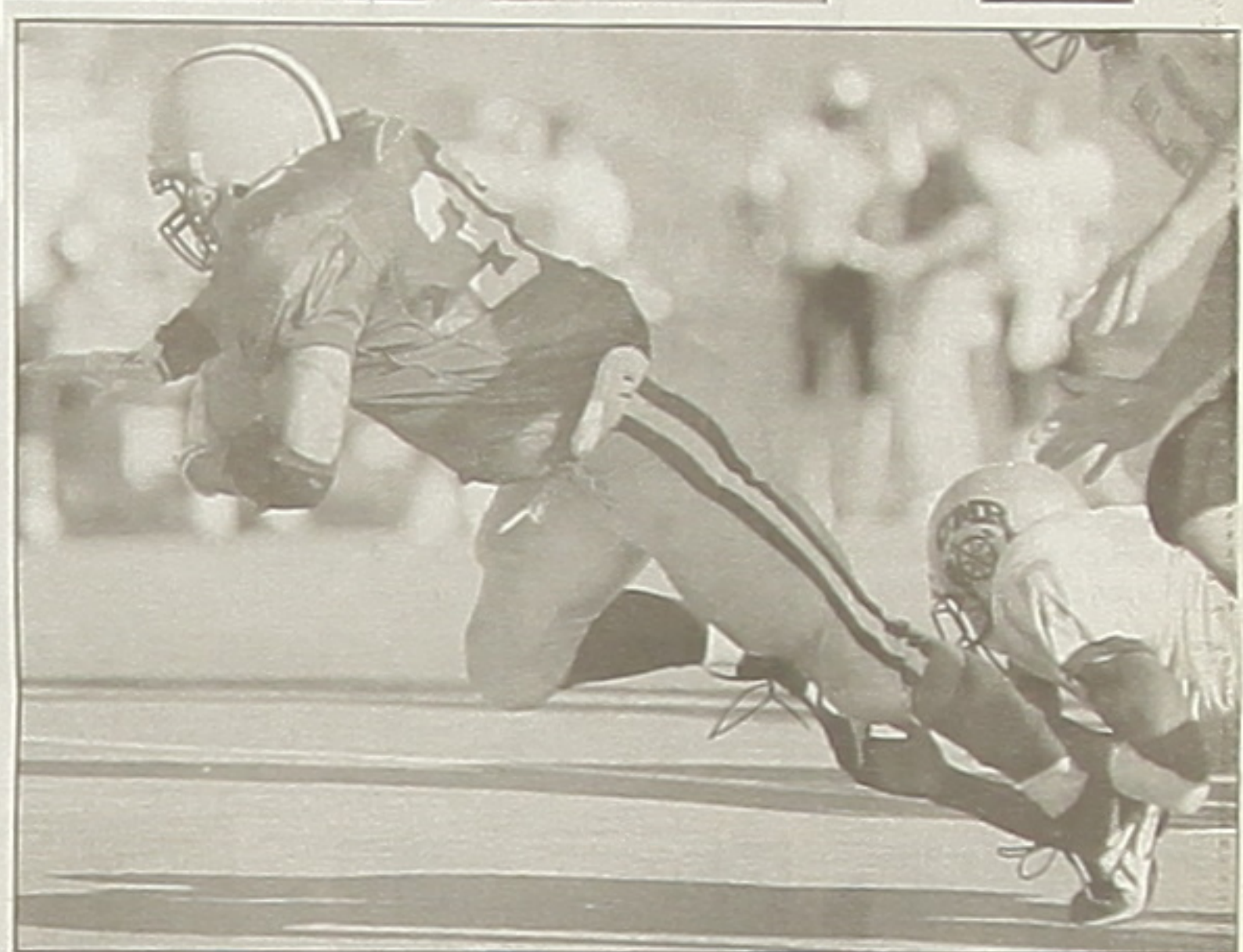
Gregory pointed out that this was the kind of way he wanted to see his team complete the season. Naturally, they would have liked to have finished with a better record, but he believes finishing the last game strong will build confidence.

"It was a good taste in the mouth," McKinzie said. "It showed us what it was like to win again."

Regaining spirit and confidence will be some of the main things the Lions focus on as the off-season approaches. Gregory said more players are going to have to step up and accept the leadership role, which he believes will happen since the team will be more mature.

Sophomore defensive tackle L'Quincy Pryor believes his team can regain the momentum it had at the beginning of the season by working hard in the upcoming off-season.

"Defense will be a real key," he said. "We're going to try to shut everyone out and keep teams from putting so many points up."



Freshman half back David Williams fights his way for yardage as the Lions ran over the Miners 37-0.

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Gregory said the Lions will be playing a difficult schedule next year where they will open up on the road against Northeastern State. They will see other non-conference action on the road against Southwest Missouri State.

Looking back on the season, Gregory found most of the significant highlights coming mainly from the beginning. He remembered a great second half in coming from behind to defeat Arkansas-Monticello, which turned out to be a good team. Another solid second half resulted in a big win against Northeastern State. One other big game recalled was an overall strong performance on all sides of the ball to knock off Emporia State.

"It was the Pitt game where we just really fell apart," he said. "Obviously I don't like the

way we got beat by Northwest, Central, and the second half of the Pitt game. "But what I really don't like are the losses to Washburn, Truman, and Western. That's what hurt us. We're not going to win all the close games, but we lost all three, and need to find a way to win those."

Gregory concluded by saying that PSU and Northwest will represent the MIAA well in the playoffs.

"Basically, we just need to keep our focus on the goals ahead of us, and work on our goals in the off-season, which will get us ready for next year," McKinzie said.

"I'm proud of the way everyone played today and proud of the way we played as a team. Good things are going to come out of that, and that will carry over into the off-season." □

Southern records win against Lady Ichabods

By KRISTY HAMBY
Staff Writer

The Lady Lions volleyball team split its final matches of the '99 season with a win on Friday and a loss on Saturday.

The Lady Lions came within one game short of a .500 season in conference play. The Lady Lions' record finishes at 12-17 overall, 7-9 conference, 5-5 home, 4-6 away, and 3-6 on neutral courts, and saw no regional action.

The Lady Lions' final weekend produced a win against Washburn, 15-9, 15-10, and 15-8. The team suffered its final loss of the season to Emporia State University, 12-15, 15-3, 6-15, and 8-15, on Saturday. According to the stats, it appears the ladies came out strong in the first two games.

"We are looking forward to improving in the off season and have an even stronger season next year," said Debbie Traywick, head coach.

The top three players with the most kills per game this season were Meredith Hyde, senior, with 346 in 102

games; Katie Moore, sophomore, with 269 in 100 games; and Crissy Schulz, junior, with 205 in 100 games.

The three players with the most blocks per game were Moore, with 122 in 100 games; Rachel Miller, sophomore, with 74 in 100 games; and Hyde with 71 in 102 games.

Players on defense with the most digs per game were Hyde with 352 in 102 games; Angie Shockley, junior, with 225 in 80 games; and Shannon Rocke, freshman, with 213 in 88 games. Miller and Heather Olson, junior, were among the high performers as well with 212 digs in 100 games for Miller, and 196 in 102 games for Olson.

Stephanie Bunker, junior, said Hyde was the team leader.

"She is a natural-born leader," Bunker said earlier in the season.

Hyde also led the team in kills per game for the whole season.

"Toward the end of the season, we became really consistent in our playing ability," Traywick said. □



Junior Angie Shockley and freshman Shannon Rocke go for it all on Saturday in their final volleyball game of the year.

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Division II x-country plans set

Everything has been set for the 1999 NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships.

Missouri Southern plays host to this event tomorrow.

The top competitor on the men's side should be Western State University, based on a solid performance in the South Central Regional. WSU is currently ranked first, according to the latest coach's poll.

Colin Jones, from the Great Lakes Regional, is expected to be a challenger with his time of 31:13 on Southern's course.

On the women's side, Adams State from Colorado hopes to show a strong performance and make this its eighth consecutive championship. Adams State was 10 points in front of WSU in the South Central Regional.

The women's 6K race will begin at 1 p.m., followed by the men's 10K at 2. □

The Scene of the CRIME

Scenarios show violent realities

By JEFF WELLS
Executive Editor

Residents of Gockel Hall returning home after supper Wednesday were greeted by police tape draped in front of their door.

The students feared that their apartment building had been the scene of a hideous crime. All was well, but, not normal.

Wendell "Buck" Richards, assistant

professor of criminal justice, led his criminal investigation class through a mock crime scene.

"In Criminal Investigations they are learning to process a crime scene," said Ben Michel, senior criminal justice major.

Michel volunteered to portray a character in the simulation.

All of the victims and suspects who participated in the staged event were volunteers.

"These [volunteers] do a wonderful job," Richards said.

The class participates in a mock crime scene each semester.

Richards said the scenario was a dual homicide and sexual assault.

Each student in the criminal investigation class had a specific role to play in the investigation of the staged crime scene.

First to arrive on the scene to A5 were two officers.



Heath Lowe, sophomore criminal justice major, feigns death during the criminal investigation mock homicide investigation Wednesday evening.



Shawn Treat, junior criminal justice major, heads up an investigation team as they document the murder weapon at the scene of the crime.

Richard Buck, professor of criminal justice, led his class through a mock crime scene at Gockel Hall on Wednesday evening.

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The Chart

The officers acted quickly, determined that a crime had occurred and radioed to the station (Anderson Justice Center) for the forensics team. The team gathered evidence, interviews, and photos.

Leading the investigation as the officer-in-charge was Shawn Treat, senior criminal justice major.

"He is the key man," Richards said.

Treat said Wednesday was the first time he had participated in processing a crime scene.

"I don't know what to expect," he said before entering the room.

He found Heath Lowe, sophomore criminal justice major, lying stiff on the bedroom floor, covered in blood, with apparent gunshot wounds to his chest.

He was allegedly assailed by Mike

Palmer, junior criminal justice major.

Palmer portrayed the husband of a rape victim. He remained calm as he was questioned by Josey Long, sophomore criminal justice major.

However, when James Harrison, police academy cadet, happened upon the scene he turned up the heat on Palmer.

Palmer's story began to waiver. Palmer admitted to killing Lowe in self-defense.

Palmer said Lowe charged at him with a knife, so Palmer fired twice at Lowe with a 357.

Other students canvassing the neighborhood learned that cries of "Don't kill me" and "Let me go" had been heard from the apartment prior to shots being fired.

The statements cast doubt on

Palmer's account, however, Harrison was not prepared to declare Palmer criminal.

Richards said the students would leave the scene and return to the classroom to discuss the investigation.

After Thanksgiving break, they present their findings to Dr. Bill Wolf, associate professor of criminal justice, and a Jasper County prosecutor. Wolf and the Jasper County prosecutor will decide if the students gathered enough information from the scene to file charges.

Richards said the role playing exercise provided an opportunity for students to apply what they are learning in the classroom.

"I think we learn better by doing it," he said.

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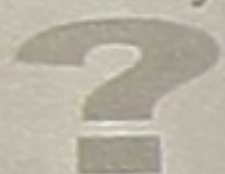
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Carlos Escalera goes over his Lion teammates for a basket during the Lion's scrimmage Saturday.

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Will Lions maintain last year's intensity?

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These dates should be simple to the Missouri Southern men's basketball team. It was the last time the Lions had a winning season — and a great season it was when the Lions went to the NCAA tournament.

At this point, it's kind of tough to tell whether or not Southern can do that again, but there is always that possibility. With five men returning

to the team, this could be a season of success.

With senior Carlos Newberry being in probably the best shape of his career, and senior Osiris Ricardo returning from last year's injury, there could be signs of solid performance coming from the Lions. Brad Mann, another senior, hopes to return shortly from his wrist injury. This shows maturity on the team.

Another star performer returning is sophomore wonder Terry Shumpert. Showing a lot of potential his freshman year, I look for him to be one of Southern's main stars.

The preseason MIAA coaches poll was quite a surprise to find the Lions only picked to finish seventh out of 10 teams. It's not too hard to figure out why, though, when Southern competes against teams like Truman State, which went all the way to the semi-finals of last year's national tournament.

However, anything can happen, considering that Southern beat Truman last year, which was probably one of the main highlights. The most important thing will be to carry the intensity the Lions had in the last game at Young Gymnasium, where they managed to knock off Pitt State. In a great new facility, the Lions looked great Saturday night in their scrimmage. How will the season fair? Good question. I'm interested myself, and we'll all find out on Tuesday night. □



SPORTS COLUMN
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Corn prepares team for Tuesday

Experienced Southern team faces strong MIAA opponents

BY VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

Intensity, maturity, and staying healthy are the three dominant factors for the 1999-2000 men's basketball team.

Southern's roster includes three seniors, two juniors, and five sophomores. Five players will be returning for the Lions, while six are new to the program. Robert Corn, men's basketball coach, believes this could be a promising season if the team can avoid injuries.

"If we can stay healthy, we have a chance to be a very good basketball team," Corn said.

At this point, senior Brad Mann is sidelined with a shoulder injury. Corn hopes he will be ready to suit up for the first game. The team has dealt with other minor injuries as well.

Corn said rebounding and three-point attempts have been Southern last year. These are the main things the Lions have been working on in the off-season. Corn added that improving this area helped the team in recruiting.

Sophomore guard Terry Shumpert said one of the team's main goals is to win the conference. Corn believes it will not be easy with teams like Truman State University, who went to the national tournament semifinals last year.

One of the advantages for the team this year will be the return of senior center Osiris Ricardo, who was out last season with an injury.

"I had leg surgery and recovered," Ricardo said. "I'm still a little sore, but I've been working in the weight room and running. I've been feeling a little better."

Like Shumpert, Ricardo wants to lead his team to a conference championship. He also hopes to see some season action.

"We've been doing pretty well," Ricardo said. "We have to work harder and come together as a team."

With Ricardo and junior forward Leo Gomez, Shumpert thinks the team will be much improved. Rebounding. Shumpert also said the Lions have been working on becoming a more solid team defensively.

"We're just going to go out there and kick their butts," he said. "We're all about butt-kicking this year."

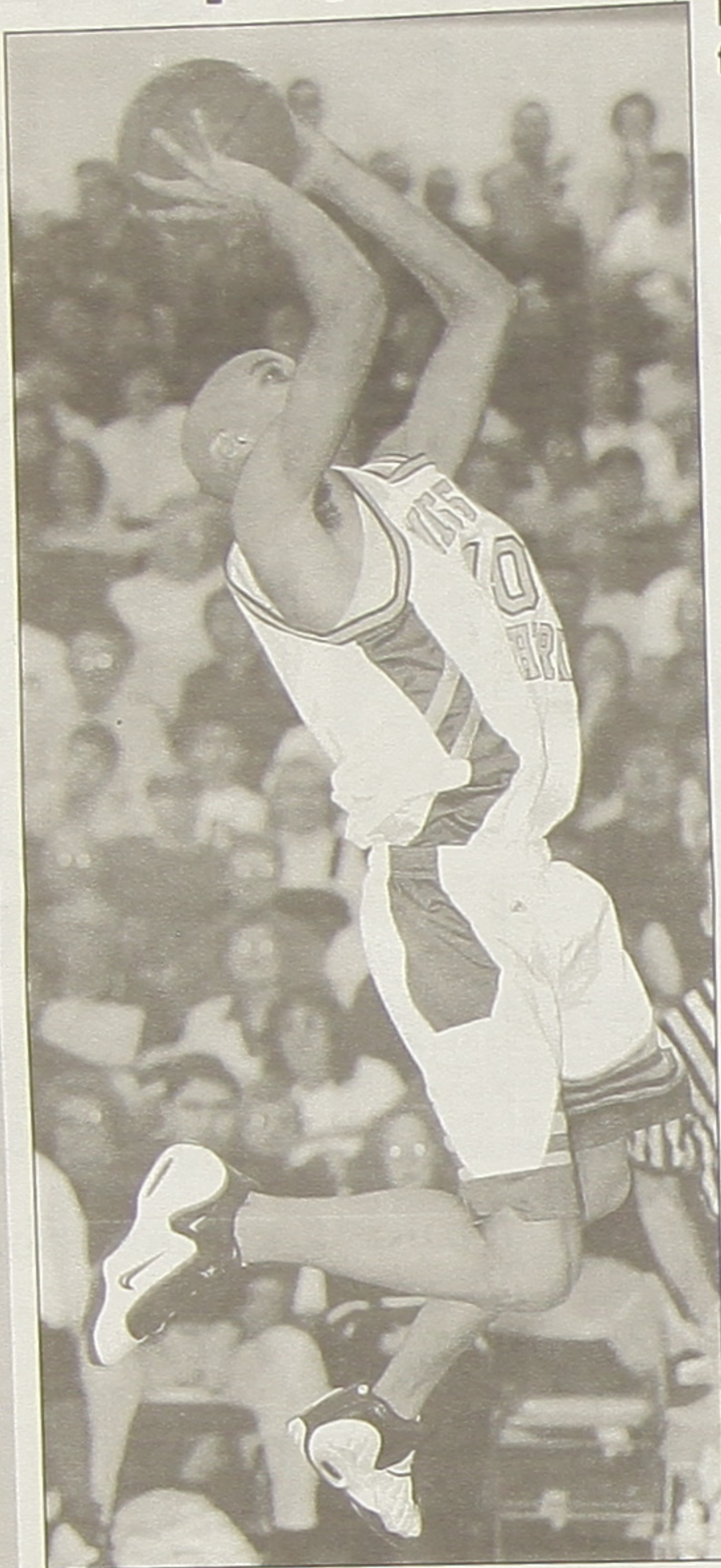
With only one freshman on the roster, Corn looks for his team to be strong and much improved. The incoming freshman guard, David Ragland, said it was not easy to adjust to the difficult practices.

Ragland said Corn has been pushing the team hard in practice, which makes them better all around. Ragland believes the Lions have good chemistry, and that good things will come of that when the season begins.

"We just have to go out there and play hard and do the things we are capable of to win ball games," Ragland said.

Southern opens the season at 7 p.m. Tuesday night at home when the team takes on Bartlesville Wesleyan College. Corn wants his team to pick up where it left off last year when they knocked off Pittsburg State University in the final game at Young Gymnasium.

"If we can just stay healthy, I think it's going to be a fun team to watch," Corn said. "Plus, we've got a place for people to come." □

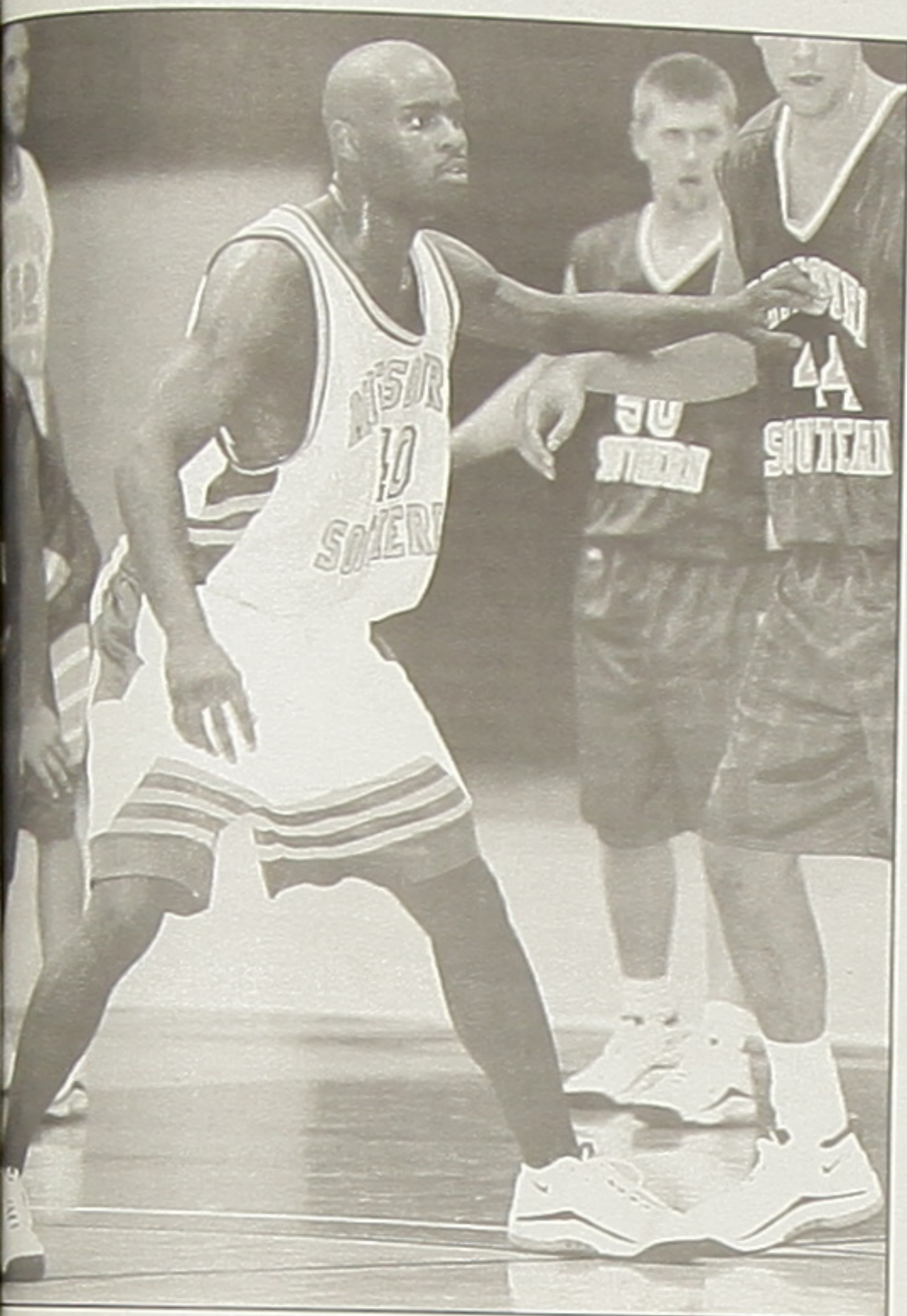


FILE PHOTO
Sophomore Terry Shumpert is expected to be one of Southern's key players this season.

Carlos Newberry

Senior has goal to take first conference title

BY VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor



Newberry (40) has been facing injuries most of his collegiate career. Robert Corn, men's basketball coach, believes he is now in his best health ever.

For the last time around, senior guard Carlos Newberry has the simple attitude of making it his best time around as Missouri Southern prepares for the upcoming basketball season.

Newberry attended White Station High School in Memphis, Tenn., where he led his team to a second-place finish in the state his senior year. Robert Corn, men's basketball coach, said he was determined to have Newberry playing for Southern.

"He has really been a pleasure to have in this program," Corn said.

Newberry wasted no time showing what he was made of when he came to play for the Lions. In his first year, he was named MIAA Freshman of the Year and Freshman All-America.

"I've seen a lot of players come and go, but the program has been really good to me," Newberry said. "Overall, my four years here have been pretty good."

He recalled when he first came to visit Southern, and was pleased with the atmosphere. Newberry liked that people seemed to care about him, unlike at large schools.

The best part for Newberry, though, has been the basketball. He was happy Corn took an interest in his basketball skills. As a result, Newberry decided to play for the Lions.

"Coach Corn's a good man," Newberry

said. "Over my four years, we've had a lot of talent. We've had some unfortunate injuries hurt us, but overall it's been good."

Corn said this is probably the first year since Newberry was a freshman that he is going to be healthy going into the season. He had wrist problems his senior year of high school, and had surgery after his freshman year. He later had to have surgery again.

Newberry's main goal for his senior year is to take home the conference championship. Like Corn, he believes the team is capable as long as everyone stays free of injuries. Newberry thinks the team will be competitive if he and his teammates take things one game at a time. As a senior on the team, Newberry knows he has to show much leadership on and off the court in trying to lead his team to a conference championship.

"He (Newberry) is in the best condition he has probably ever been in his life," Corn said.

Newberry wants to treat every game this year like he is playing his last game, and hopes it will result in great things throughout the season.

"If we can just keep everyone healthy and everyone stays on the same page, we have an excellent opportunity to go as far as we can go," Newberry said. "I have to lead the team as a good example, and play hard and make no excuses. Myself and the team look forward to the season starting, and hope to have a good one." □

Coach Robert Corn

Robert Corn is now in his 11th season as head coach of the Missouri Southern men's basketball team.

In his time as coach, the Lions have gone to five MIAA post-season contests. Corn's highlights include 1991-92 when he guided his team to a 21-8 season. In 1992-93, Corn took Southern to a 21-10 season, and its first trip to the NCAA Division II tournament.

Before coming to Southern, Corn was an assistant coach at the University of Alabama-Birmingham. There he led the team to two Sun Belt Conference titles.

Corn also spent time coaching in Puerto Rico's Superior Basketball League, where he took three league titles. Corn also serves at Southern as a kinesiology instructor.

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9. Emporia State	19
10. Southwest Baptist	10

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Four factors
fuel positive
experienceSeason's outcome hard
to predict from first sight

The change of color in the leaves and the 70-degree mid-November weather means one thing: basketball season has arrived.



SPORT COLUMN
GARY SHELBY
STAFF WRITER

Honestly, it will be difficult (if not impossible) for me to predict the outcome this season for the Lady Lions. While Southern was trudging its way through a 6-20 1999 campaign, I was in northeastern Kansas at another school. I sat in the bleachers of the Leggett & Platt

Athletic Center and caught my first glimpse of the squad during the final minutes of practice Tuesday.

It's unreasonable for me to make any judgments after one practice. After all, Amy Townsend, women's head coach, scrimmaged her team against a group of taller men. Besides, it seemed as if a few Lady Lions were on the sidelines out of action. For some unforeseen reason, Southern looked lethargic at Tuesday's practice.

But it was just practice.

Take away the men, add the injured, and put the Lady Lions in a game-time situation, and who knows?

Four things impressed me on my first day.

1. Another beautiful November day.
2. Coach Townsend's slacking notwithstanding attitude.
3. Overall team hustle.
4. The comfortable, green seats in the Leggett & Platt Center.

Two things I was unimpressed by:

1. The cold front coming soon.
2. The student section seating. How far off in a corner can we be?

If coach Townsend believes she can turn her group of young, energetic Lady Lions into a competitive team, so do I. One practice and all. □

Women
proud to
be ballers

BY GARY SHELBY
Staff Writer

Improving on last year's 6-20 record will be top priority for the Lady Lions as they open the 1999-2000 season, and the new Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

Amy Townsend is entering her third season as head coach. She said the progression of her team was pleasing, but this season, winning is critical.

"My first year here we were 4-22, and last year we were 6-20," she said. "Now we have to turn the corner. We can't just win eight games and be happy about it."

For the last few seasons, inexperienced Southern teams have stepped on the hardwood. This year, the Lady Lions return seven letterwinners.

Forwards Sara Jones and Lindsey Kenealy anchor the frontcourt and hold five letters between them. The senior, Kenealy, was an all-MIAA honorable mention selection last season coming off the bench.

Townsend will be able to reap the benefits of recruiting. Several of the players she hand-selected will see time this year.

"Basically, when I came in, recruiting was nonexistent," she said. "The three freshmen guards we signed, we've been communicating with them for two years. I think it's starting to pay off. They're the most athletic guards we've had since I've been here."

Getting off to a good start will be essential for Southern. They begin their season with a host of tournament and invitational games before the conference season begins on Jan. 3.

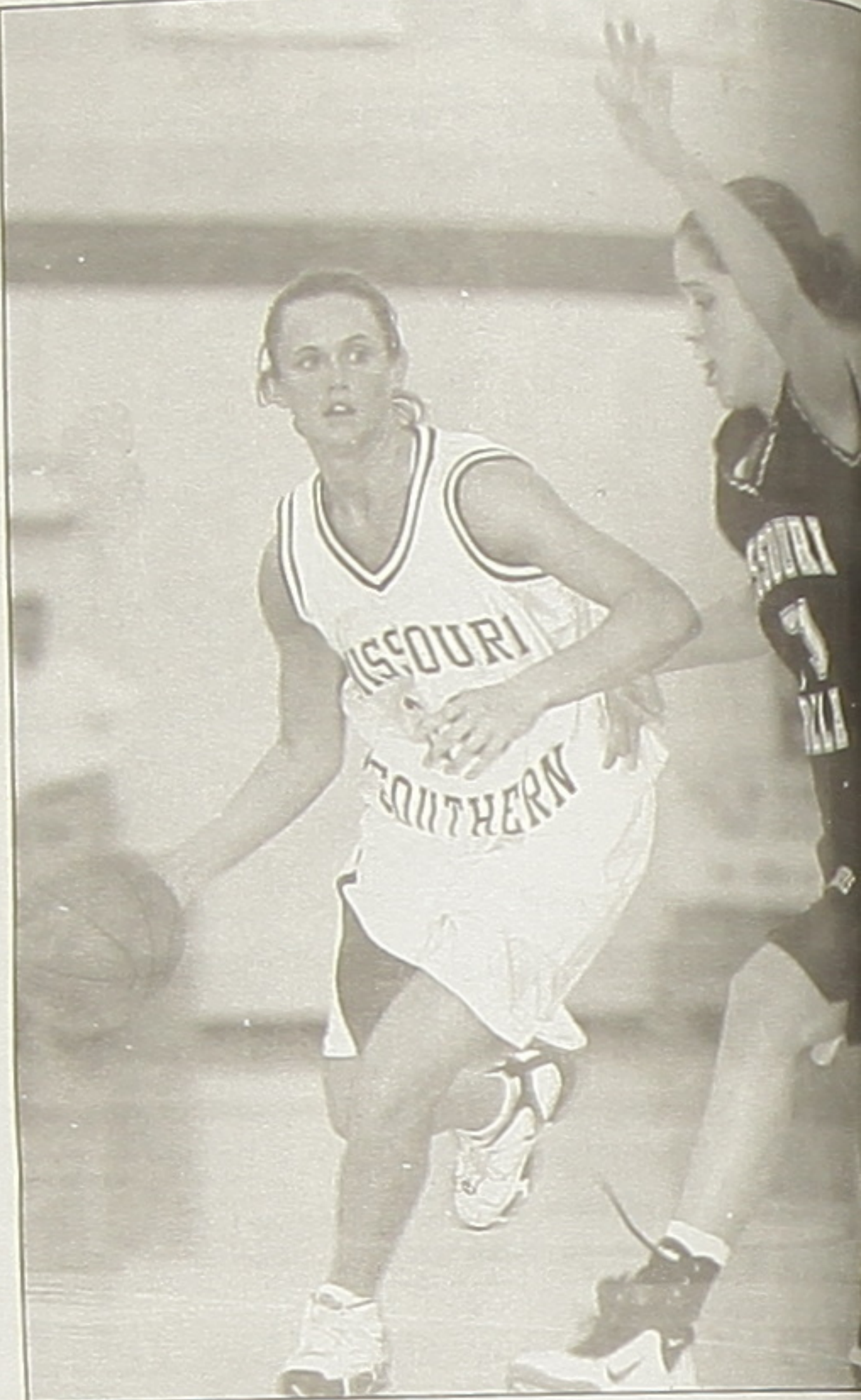
Townsend said the conference will be tough as usual. The Lady Lions are picked to finish last in the MIAA. She said she doesn't want her team to look ahead to the conference schedule, but to focus on the games at hand. However, she wants Southern to be ready for league play.

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AMY TOWNSEND

Women's Head Basketball Coach

and it's made them proud to be a women's basketball player here." □



Senior Chara Oldfield (left) is returning for her final year. The guard is leading the Lady Lions.

"The key for us is to have success early, and to go into conference play with confidence," she said. "You have to have confidence to play well, and that will be critical early, and once we get to conference play, it's going to be a dogfight."

Townsend stresses the importance of home victories and a few wins on the road.

She believes her team played with a we-have-nothing-to-lose attitude for the past two seasons.

"Our players walk around more confident now," she said. "They like they're close to turning the corner,



Sophomore Katie Gariss, center, height for Southern.



Lindsey Kenealy came off the bench last year for the Lady Lions and received honorable mention MIAA team.

Captain preparing for final campaign

BY GARY SHELBY
Staff Writer

Practice has ended. At the end of the court a ball player is shooting free throws. Swish. Many of her teammates have cleared the floor and headed to the locker room. Swish.

Even after a sluggish practice, she remains focused — on free throws. Swish.

Finally, she puts the ball down, takes a few steps under the hoop, and begins sliding drills.

By the time she makes her way over for an interview, senior forward Lindsey Kenealy is breathing heavily. Surprisingly, there is no sign of fatigue on her face. She doesn't slouch over, or put her hands on her head. Even the men her team scrimmaged against are obviously worn from the workout. It appears as if she's ready for the season to start as soon as she catches her breath.

For Kenealy, the start of the 1999-2000 season will mark the beginning of the end of her Missouri Southern career. Accolades aside, it hasn't been an easy four years. A couple of coaching changes, and a couple losing seasons later, she's still practicing free throws.

"My free throws went through a slump last year," she said. "They're back now, and they'll be OK."

A year ago, Kenealy led Southern with 11.4 points a game.

She averaged 5.2 rebounds last season, good enough for second on the team. Her numbers aren't eye-popping, but they were accomplished all season off the bench. She humbly mentions that those numbers placed her on the honorable mention of the all-MIAA team.

Kenealy is quick to point out that she was on the All-Academic team last season, as well as the Commissioner's Honor Roll for the past two years.

She scored 25 points against Truman State University last season. However, it's her 24-point, 14-rebound game against the University of Missouri-Rolla that she's most proud of.

The Liberty native was a high school standout. She led her team to successful seasons while garnering all-Mid Seven Conference selections three years straight, and was a first-team pick her senior year.

Despite the difficult collegiate seasons now behind her, the 5-foot-10 forward remains optimistic.

"It's going to be a better year, we have great new offenses," she said. "If things aren't going right, we talk each other into it and it works. We're ranked last this season, only because of last year. I think that we're going to surprise many people."

A leader by example, she was voted in as a captain in this, her final season. □

FILE PHOTO



Coach Amy Townsend

Amy Townsend, women's basketball coach, is now in her third season at Missouri Southern. Becoming the seventh head basketball coach of the Lady Lions, Townsend has a 10-42 record at Southern.

Before coming to Southern, she was an assistant coach at Pittsburg State from 1990-1993. There she compiled a record of 58-26.

After departing PSU, Townsend became a full time assistant coach at Southeast Missouri State for the 1993-94 campaign.

Townsend attended high school at Girard, Kan. She was an active athlete in volleyball, basketball, and track.

Before attending PSU, Townsend spent two years at Labette Community College, where she competed in basketball and softball.

Townsend also serves as an instructor of kinesiology at Southern.

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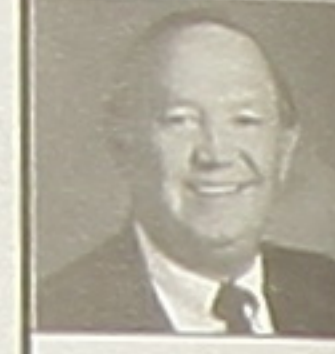
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